



OFA in Grey County

Grey at a Glance

Agriculture at a Glance

AS OF 2021



2,178
farms



448,197
acres of farmland



206 acres
is the average sized farm

Local Snapshot

Grey County
CENSUS DIVISION



Local Farm Sales



20%
sell farm
products directly
to the
consumer:



14
farms operate a CSA
(Community Supported Agriculture)



46 farms sell
at farmers' markets



259 farms sell directly from their
farm, at stands, or pick-your-own

Economic Contributions in 2021

Local Impact



The local agri-food sector
employed **8,210** people
through **2,243** local agri-food
business establishments

Farm Cash Receipts



\$558 million
in Farm Cash
Receipts



TOP 3
- Cattle
- Grains & Oilseeds
- Dairy

Across the Province

Farm cash receipts
generated by local farms
supported **\$1.2 billion**
in GDP and **18,334**
employees in the agri-food
sector from farm to fork
across Ontario

Farm Facts



17.2%
generate renewable
energy, including
solar, bioenergy and
wind power



32.0%
of farm
operators
are female



69.0%
are small farms
(less than \$100,000
in revenue)



Source: Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (2021) County Profiles.

Our mission: Farms and Food Forever

- 38,000 family farm businesses from across Ontario and growing
 - Provincially, in 2022 88% of all Farm Business Registrants are OFA members*
- 88 Policy Advisory Council members providing grassroots input on key issues and policy direction
- 51 county and regional federations for strong, local leadership
- 45 knowledgeable and experienced staff members strategically located across the province dedicated to serving and supporting OFA members and their communities
- 18 member-elected Board of Directors consisting of farmers from across Ontario



OFA Policy Research Team

Jason Bent – Director of policy research- Red Tape & Regulatory Modernization

Ben Le Fort – Senior farm policy analyst: Economist – Business Risk Management & Taxation

Tina Schankula – Farm policy analyst: Water; Rural

Peter Sykanda – Farm policy analyst: Labour; Broadband; Environment

Danie Glanc – Farm policy analyst: Agricultural Science; Farm Animal Care; Trespassing and Wildlife Issues

Danielle Sharman – Farm policy analyst: Agriculture Economic Development

Ian Nokes – Farm policy analyst: Energy; Transportation; Waste Resource Management

Janice Janiec – Farm policy analyst: Agronomy; Ag Research; Project Oversight

University co-operative education student (Cost of Community Services Study projects)

Grey Bruce Member Service Representative

Member Service Representative- position is currently vacant

- Support to our local County Federations
- Providing support to our over 1600 members in Grey County
- Promoting our many workshops and webinars within the region.
- Promoting and distributing resources to better agriculture in the region.



Snapshot of our organization



Submissions

In 2022 our team completed 50 government submissions; on average we review 120 per year.

OFA submission to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding proposed changes to Ontario's Building Code
OFA provides comments to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding proposed changes to...

OFA letter to the College of Veterinarians of Ontario regarding vets and malpractice insurance
OFA provides comments to Dr. Lorie Gold, President of the College of Veterinarians of Ontario regard...

OFA submission to the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General regarding proposed amendments to the Ontario Land Tribunal Act
OFA agrees that Ontario Land Tribunal proceedings should advance promptly and efficiently. OFA reque...

Submission to Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy regarding consideration of Bill 39, Better Municipal Governance Act, 2022
The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) along with the Durham Region Federation of Agriculture (...)

Joint letter to Michael Kerzner regarding the Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act, 2019
OFA provides comments in partnership with fellow commodity groups to Minister Michael Kerzner regard...

OFA submission to the Ontario Energy Board regarding amendments to the Standard Supply Service Code and Regulated Price Plan Manual
OFA provides comments to the Ontario Energy Board regarding the Ultra-Low Overnight Electricity Regu...

OFA submission to Ontario's Standing Committee regarding Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022
OFA provided a written submission to Ontario's Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and ...

OFA submission to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry regarding ecological offsetting
OFA does not believe that new natural heritage features (such as wetlands, woodlands, and other natu...

OFA letter to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change regarding excess soil requirements
OFA provides a response to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change regarding the implementati...

OFA submission to the Pest Management Regulatory Agency regarding the Pest Control Products Act
OFA provides comments to the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) regarding the discussion docum...

OFA letter to the Minister of Finance & Deputy Prime Minister regarding Bill C-8
OFA provides comments to the Minister of Finance & Deputy Prime Minister, the Honourable Chrystia Fr...

Presentations to Standing Committee in 2022

- **OFA presents to Agriculture and Agri-Food Committee on global food security**
<https://ofa.on.ca/ofa-presents-to-agriculture-and-agri-food-committee-on-global-food-security/>
- **OFA speaks in favour of Bill C-234 at Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food**
<https://ofa.on.ca/ofa-speaks-in-favour-of-bill-c-234-at-standing-committee-on-agriculture-and-agri-food/>
- **OFA presents to Ontario's Standing Committee on Bill 23**
<https://ofa.on.ca/ofa-presents-to-ontario-standing-committee-on-bill-23/>
- **OFA presents to Ontario's Standing Committee on Bill 39**
<https://ofa.on.ca/ofa-presents-to-ontarios-standing-committee-on-bill-39/>

Grow AG- Municipal Resources

<https://ofa.on.ca/growag/>

OFA Ontario Federation of Agriculture AGRI-FOOD INITIATIVES ONTARIO DIRECTORY

An online collection of projects, programs and policies to help you support agriculture and food.
To view, click the topic button. A Google Drive folder will open in your web browser.

STUDIES	AGRICULTURAL SECTOR	FOOD LITERACY
	BROADBAND + INFRASTRUCTURE	FOOD SYSTEM
	BUSINESS RETENTION + EXPANSION	LABOUR + WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
	ECONOMIC IMPACT OF AGRICULTURE	LAND USE PLANNING STUDIES
	FEASIBILITY STUDIES	LOCAL FOOD PROCUREMENT
	FOOD DISTRIBUTION HUBS + INCUBATORS	OTHER STUDIES
STRATEGIES	AGRICULTURAL SECTOR	FOOD
	AGRICULTURE + CULINARY TOURISM	FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT
	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	OTHER STRATEGIES
PROJECT/PROGRAM	AGRICULTURAL SECTOR INFOGRAPHICS	STEWARDSHIP / ECO G+S PROGRAMS
	AGRICULTURAL SECTOR PROFILES	FOOD HUB SERVICES
	ASSET MAPPING PROJECTS	LOCAL FOOD PROMOTION
	COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLANS	OTHER PROJECTS/PROGRAMS
GUIDANCE	AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES	MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL PLANS
	FOOD CHARTERS	ZONING BY-LAWS
	FOOD POLICY COUNCILS	OTHER GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS
OTHER	FUNDING PROGRAMS	ONLINE TOOLS
	HOW-TO GUIDES AND TOOLKITS	OTHER RESOURCES

- Agriculture Matters: A Guide for Municipal Councilors and Staff
- Agri-Food Initiatives Ontario (AFIO) Directory
- Guide and Checklist to Support Agriculture in Your Municipality
- Resources to Support Agriculture Economic Development and Planning
- Municipal Job Descriptions to Support Agriculture
- Agriculture Economic Development and Planning Community of Practice

OFA initiated programs



Questions?

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