



Agricultural Profile

Growing Agri-Food Durham

Providing a supportive environment for the agriculture and agri-food industry in Durham Region by:

- Attracting, retaining, and expanding agriculture and agri-food businesses
- Promotion, outreach, and agri-food education
- Enabling a supportive policy environment
- Supporting an agricultural workforce

Download a copy of our 5-year Growing Agri-Food Durham Action Plan at:
InvestDurham.ca/AgStrategy

Producers by the numbers:

Grain and oilseed	281
Beef cattle	225
Diary	77
Greenhouse, nursery and floriculture	74
Poultry and egg	52
Vegetable	52
Sheep and goat	46
Fruit and tree nut	35
Hog and pig	3
Other	355

Durham Region is a leading agricultural producer
contributing \$354 million
to Ontario's total farm production

Home to

1200
farms

Total farmland area:

264,518
acres



Challenge and Opportunities

1. Retain and expand local food businesses
2. Streamline the regulations and approval process for agri-food businesses
3. Enable and encourage agriculture related, on-farm diversified, and agri-tourism uses
4. Advocate for infrastructure support (including broadband)
5. Increase agri-food processing capacity in Durham
6. Identify opportunities and solutions for the workforce and labour shortages in the agri-food industry
7. Provide resources for aging and young farmers
8. Partner with stakeholders and agricultural organizations to deliver and expand agricultural literacy in the region
9. Enable agri-innovation capacity
10. Enhance urban agriculture

Partners

- Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC)
- Agricultural Advisory Committee of Clarington (AACC)
- Durham Region Federation of Agriculture (DRFA)
- Durham Farm Fresh Marketing Association (DFF)
- Durham Farm Connections (DFC)
- Durham Region Junior Farmers
- Durham East and West 4-H Associations
- Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance (GHFFA)
- Durham College, the W. Galen Weston Center for Food, and the Barrett Center for Sustainable Urban Agriculture
- Ontario Tech University
- Durham Farm & Rural Family Resources (DFRFR)
- Durham Food Policy Council (DFPC)
- Agricultural Societies across Durham Region
- Farms at Work

Ongoing Projects


[Growing Agri-Food Durham: A Five-Year Plan to Grow the Agri-Food Industry in Durham Region](#)

[Ready Set Future: A PLACE Blueprint for Durham](#)

[Connecting Our Communities: A Broadband Strategy for Durham Region](#)

Local Food Business Retention and Expansion Project



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