

Resources to Support Agriculture in Your Community

A wide range of tools and resources can help you navigate agriculture economic development and land use planning. The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) and the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) made a list of resources to get started:

- [OMAFRA's Agriculture Economic Development Resource Guide for Communities](#)
- [OFA's Growing Agriculture in Your Community page](#)
- [Best Practices in Local Food: A Guide for Municipalities](#)

OMAFRA's Land Use Planning Resources

omafra.gov.on.ca/english/landuse

[OMAFRA's Land Use page](#) is a one-stop shop for publications and resources for land use planning in Ontario. Key resources include:

- [Implementation Procedures for the Ag System in Ontario's Greater Golden Horseshoe](#)
- [Guidelines on Permitted Uses in Ontario's Prime Agricultural Areas](#)
- [Guidance Document for Agricultural Impact Assessments](#)

OFA's Agriculture Economic Development Resources

ofa.on.ca/GrowAg

[Growing Agriculture in Your Community page](#): OFA has developed several resources for communities to support their agri-food sector, including:

[Agri-Food Initiatives Ontario Directory](#): an online, public resource of initiatives to highlight best practices. The Directory helps to inspire communities by showcases successful projects.

[Agriculture Economic Development and Planning Community of Practice](#): a series of free webinars for information sharing of timely agri-food issues. To see content from past webinars and sign up for the email list, visit ofa.on.ca/CommunityofPractice.

[Agriculture and Rural Issues Database](#): fact sheets, commentaries and other publications for key issues affecting Ontario farmers, visit ofa.on.ca/issues.

Agricultural Data Resources

OMAFRA provides agri-food statistics and economic modelling tools for public use, such as:

- [OMAFRA's Agricultural and Business County Profiles](#)
- [OMAFRA's Online Analyst Tool \(includes input/ output data\)](#)

Data and assets can be visualized using GIS mapping tools, such as:

- [OMAFRA's Agricultural System Portal](#)
- [OMAFRA's Agricultural Information Atlas](#)
- [ConnectOn Asset Mapping Project](#)

Other useful statistics websites for accessible data include:

- [Canada Land Inventory \(CLI\)](#)
- [Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Soil Survey Reports](#)
- [Statistics Canada Census of Agriculture](#)