

Agriculture at a Glance

AS OF 2024

Regional Snapshot

Golden Horseshoe
CENSUS AGRICULTURAL REGION



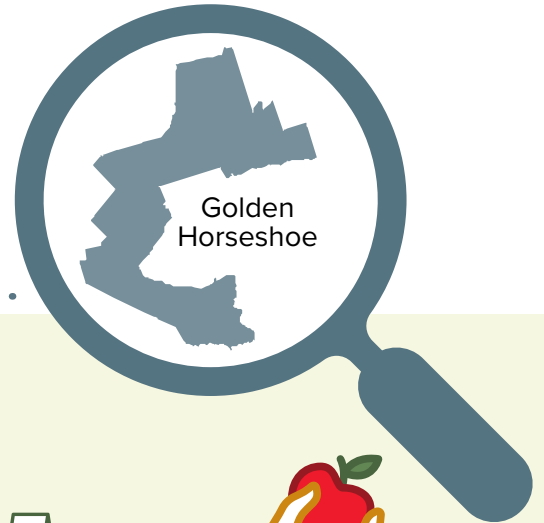
4,995
farms



900,308
acres of farmland



180 acres
is the average sized farm



Golden
Horseshoe

Local Farm Sales

23%
sell farm
products directly
to the
consumer:



53
farms operate a CSA
(Community Supported Agriculture)



186 farms sell
at farmers' markets



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

Economic Contributions in 2023

Local Impact



The local agri-food sector
employed **326,630** people
through **55,834** local agri-food
business establishments

Farm Cash Receipts



\$2.5 billion
in Farm Cash
Receipts



- Floriculture & Sod
- Grains & Oilseeds
- Poultry & Eggs

Across the Province

Farm cash receipts
generated by local farms
supported **\$4.8 billion**
in GDP and **77,544**
employees in the agri-food
sector from farm to fork
across Ontario

Farm Facts



15.4%
generate renewable
energy, including
solar, bioenergy and
wind power



31.6%
of farm
operators
are female



62.0%
are small farms
(less than \$100,000
in revenue)



The Golden Horseshoe Region includes the following census divisions: Durham, Halton, Hamilton, Niagara, Peel and York (excludes Toronto).

Source: Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness (2024) County Profiles.