

Agriculture at a Glance

AS OF 2024

Regional Snapshot

Southern Ontario
CENSUS AGRICULTURAL REGION



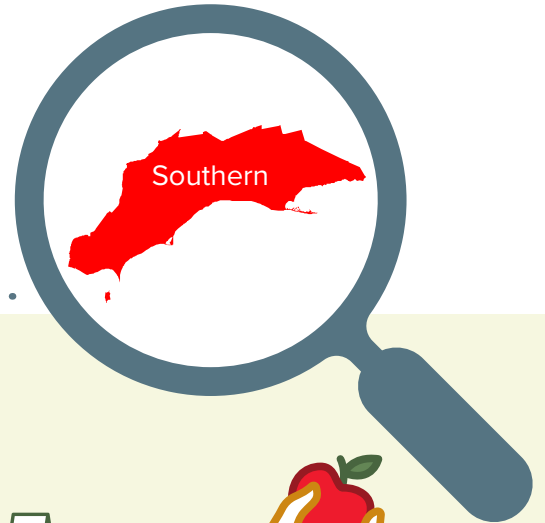
17,031
farms



3,865,918
acres of farmland



227 acres
is the average sized farm



Local Farm Sales

11%
sell farm
products directly
to the
consumer:



76
farms operate a CSA
(Community Supported Agriculture)



327 farms sell
at farmers' markets



1,327 farms sell directly from their
farm, at stands, or pick-your-own

Economic Contributions in 2023

Local Impact



The local agri-food sector
employed **147,420** people
through **32,950** local agri-food
business establishments

Farm Cash Receipts



\$10.5 billion
in Farm Cash
Receipts

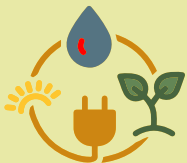


- Grains & Oilseeds
- Greenhouse Vegetables
- Poultry & Eggs

Across the Province

Farm cash receipts
generated by local farms
supported **\$20.4 billion**
in GDP and **330,338**
employees in the agri-food
sector from farm to fork
across Ontario

Farm Facts



17.1%
generate renewable
energy, including
solar, bioenergy and
wind power



30.3%
of farm
operators
are female



55.3%
are small farms
(less than \$100,000
in revenue)



The Southern Ontario Region includes the following census divisions: Brant, Chatham-Kent, Elgin, Essex, Haldimand-Norfolk, Hamilton, Lambton, Middlesex, Niagara, and Oxford.

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