

Agriculture at a Glance

AS OF 2021

Local Snapshot

Essex County
CENSUS DIVISION



1,594
farms



328,634
acres of farmland



206 acres
is the average sized farm



Local Farm Sales



2
farms operate a CSA
(Community Supported Agriculture)



14 farms sell
at farmers' markets



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

Economic Contributions in 2021

Local Impact



The local agri-food sector
employed **24,565** people
through **3,406** local agri-food
business establishments

Farm Cash Receipts



\$1.6 billion
in Farm Cash
Receipts



- Greenhouse Vegetables
- Grains & Oilseeds
- Field Vegetables

Across the Province

Farm cash receipts
generated by local farms
supported **\$3.5 billion**
in GDP and **52,495**
employees in the agri-food
sector from farm to fork
across Ontario

Farm Facts



16.6%
generate renewable
energy, including
solar, bioenergy and
wind power



26.3%
of farm
operators
are female



64.3%
are small farms
(less than \$100,000
in revenue)



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