

Agriculture at a Glance

AS OF 2021

Local Snapshot

Waterloo Region
CENSUS DIVISION



1,409
farms



210,055
acres of farmland



149 acres
is the average sized farm



Local Farm Sales

22%
sell farm
products directly
to the
consumer:



11
farms operate a CSA
(Community Supported Agriculture)



41 farms sell
at farmers' markets



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

Economic Contributions in 2021

Local Impact



The local agri-food sector
employed **33,390** people
through **4,152** local agri-food
business establishments

Farm Cash Receipts



\$652 million
in Farm Cash
Receipts



- Cattle
- Dairy
- Grains & Oilseeds

Across the Province

Farm cash receipts
generated by local farms
supported **\$1.4 billion**
in GDP and **21,450**
employees in the agri-food
sector from farm to fork
across Ontario

Farm Facts



22.5%
generate renewable
energy, including
solar, bioenergy and
wind power



28.3%
of farm
operators
are female



43.4%
are small farms
(less than \$100,000
in revenue)



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