



YORK REGION AT A GLANCE

AGRICULTURE & AGRI-FOOD SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS



Agriculture and Agri-Food in Toronto Area's York Region

From the rich soils of the Holland Marsh to a diverse mix of food and beverage businesses, this sector plays an important role in York Region's economy and supporting the Ontario food chain.

With a \$2.7 billion annual GDP, York Region is home to a vibrant and thriving agriculture and agri-food sector, and is the fourth-largest food and beverage processing hub in Canada.

- The agriculture and agri-food sector supports 46,000 jobs in York Region
- York Region is home to over 290 food and beverage manufacturers and processors
- More than 600 farm-based business call York Region home, spread over 130,000 acres
- Home to the York Region Food and Beverage Accelerator Program at York University's YSpace
- Our soil is rich as York Region's operating farm revenue ranks #1 per acre in the Greater Toronto Area and #3 in the Greater Golden Horseshoe
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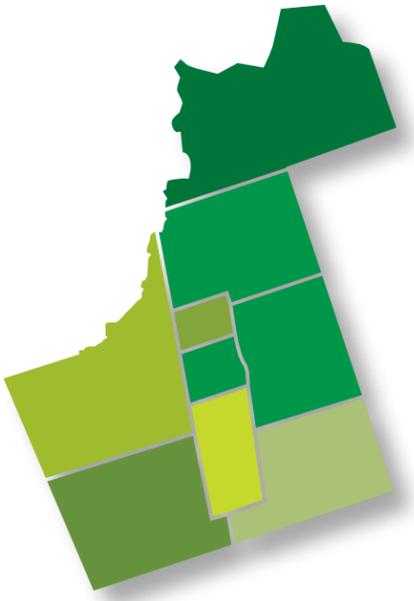
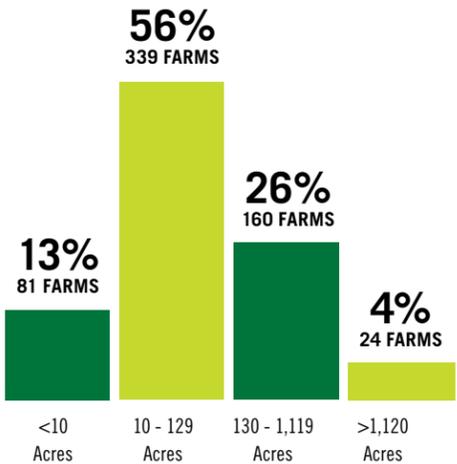
An Agriculture and Agri-Food Powerhouse



Major Fruit & Vegetable Crops



York Region Farms by Size



Farms in York Region

AURORA,
RICHMOND HILL,
NEWMARKET
35
FARMS

EAST GWILLIMBURY
106
FARMS

GEORGINA
102
FARMS

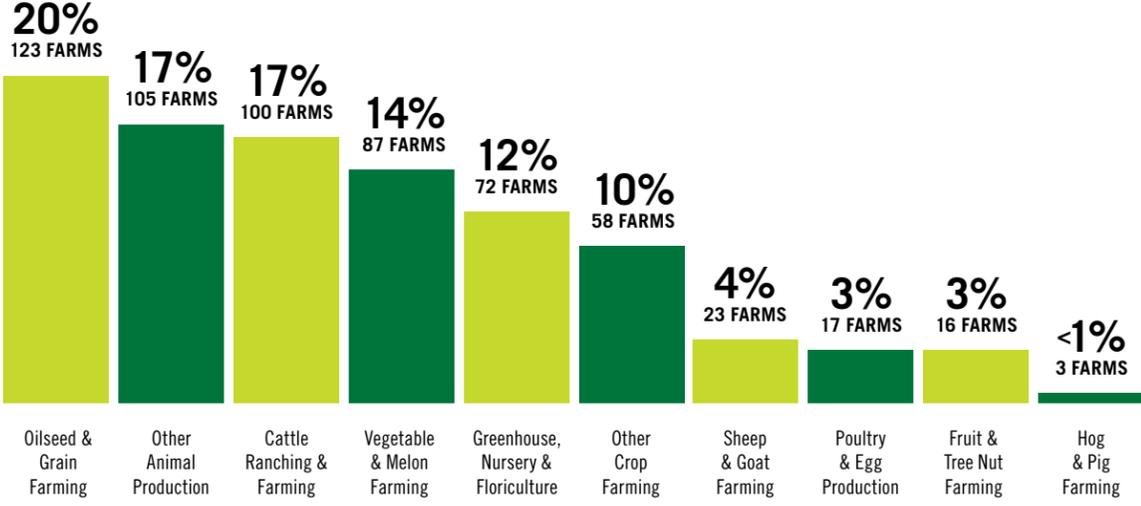
KING
182
FARMS

MARKHAM
44
FARMS

VAUGHAN
52
FARMS

WHITCHURCH-
STOUFFVILLE
83
FARMS

York Region Farms by Industry



Major Field Crops



Sources: 2021 Census of Agriculture and OMAFRA County Data, Canadian Business Counts 2022
*2016 Census Agriculture



Town of East Gwillimbury Agriculture & Agri-food Highlights



106

TOTAL FARMS



23,050

ACRES OF
FARMLAND



\$83M+

TOTAL OPERATING
FARM REVENUE



4,229

ACRES OF
CORN



1,448

ACRES OF
POTATOES



2,454

ACRES OF
HAY

Interesting Fact



- 70 per cent of land is green space made up of farms, forests and recreational amenities

Source: 2021 Census of Agriculture and OMAFRA County Data, Canadian Business Counts 2022



Town of Georgina

Agriculture & Agri-food Highlights



102
TOTAL FARMS



21,220
ACRES OF
FARMLAND



\$17M+
TOTAL OPERATING
FARM REVENUE



4,278
ACRES OF
CORN



4,555
ACRES OF
SOYBEANS



6,517
TOTAL SHEEP
& LAMBS

Interesting Fact



- Home to the YSpace Business Incubator/Accelerator Hub in Sutton and Clearwater Farm (Ontario Water Centre)

Source: 2021 Census of Agriculture and OMAFRA County Data, Canadian Business Counts 2022



GEORGINA





King Township Agriculture & Agri-food Highlights



182

TOTAL FARMS



32,669

ACRES OF
FARMLAND



\$87M+

TOTAL OPERATING
FARM REVENUE



4,554

ACRES OF
CORN



7,536

ACRES OF
SOYBEANS



26

HORSE &
OTHER EQUINE
PRODUCTION

Interesting Fact



- 60% of the Holland Marsh is in King Township
- Home to the Seneca King Campus and University of Guelph Muck Crop Research Centre
- Home to Koffler Scientific Reserve - University of Toronto

Source: 2021 Census of Agriculture and OMAFRA County Data, Canadian Business Counts 2022

KING



City of Markham Agriculture & Agri-food Highlights



44

TOTAL FARMS



12,940

ACRES OF
FARMLAND



\$31M+

TOTAL OPERATING
FARM REVENUE



81

FOOD & BEVERAGE
MANUFACTURERS



1,419

AGRI-FOOD
FARM TO FORK
BUSINESSES



11,220

AGRI-FOOD
JOBS

Interesting Fact



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Town of Aurora, Town of Newmarket & City of Richmond Hill

Agriculture & Agri-food Highlights



35

TOTAL FARMS



5,991

ACRES OF FARMLAND



\$32M+

TOTAL OPERATING FARM REVENUE



875

ACRES OF SOYBEANS



63

FOOD & BEVERAGE MANUFACTURERS

Newmarket 16
Aurora 13
Richmond Hill 34



1,103

AGRI-FOOD BUSINESSES

Newmarket 251
Aurora 216
Richmond Hill 636

Interesting Fact



- Home to Niagara College Canada - The Armoury in Aurora

Source: 2021 Census of Agriculture and OMAFRA County Data, Canadian Business Counts 2022





City of Vaughan Agriculture & Agri-food Highlights



52

TOTAL FARMS



7,862

ACRES OF
FARMLAND



\$33M+

TOTAL OPERATING
FARM REVENUE



131

FOOD & BEVERAGE
MANUFACTURERS



1,296

AGRI-FOOD
BUSINESSES

Interesting Fact



- High number of bakery and tortilla manufacturers, sugar and confectionary products, food merchant wholesalers, dairy products manufacturers

Source: 2021 Census of Agriculture and OMAFRA County Data, Canadian Business Counts 2022



Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Agriculture & Agri-food Highlights



83

TOTAL FARMS



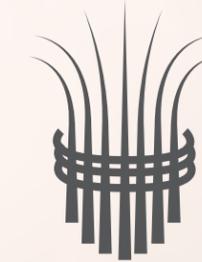
30,682

ACRES OF
FARMLAND



\$104M+

TOTAL OPERATING
REVENUE



1,982

ACRES OF
HAY



9,137

ACRES OF
SOYBEANS



70,554

TOTAL HENS
& CHICKENS

Interesting Fact



- Located in the mid-eastern area of the Regional Municipality of York on the Oak Ridges Moraine

Source: 2021 Census of Agriculture and OMAFRA County Data, Canadian Business Counts 2022





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