<u>Wellington County Agri-food Systems Study - Key Findings</u>

Economic Contribution

\$2.8 billion to Canada's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), which is 5% of Ontario's agri-food industry's total contribution

\$496 million in labour income within farm and upstream jobs \$79 million in provincial and federal tax revenue

35,943 jobs and 6,621 full-time equivalent jobs



Wellington County boasts a strong agri-food processing sector.

The growing conditions and high-quality soils in Wellington County make it a valuable asset in feeding the community, Ontarians, Canadians and the world. Wellington County farmers are innovators in adopting sustainable farming practices.

Wellington County is home to:



29,650 acres (10%) Ontario's corn for silage 4,365 acres (5%) Ontario's oats



80,307 acres (7%) Ontario's winter wheat 83,411 acres (5%) Ontario's hay

Wellington

Agriculture

Federation of



5,710 acres (8%) Ontario's barley

116,923 acres (4%) Ontario's soybeans

92,169 acres (4% Ontario's corn for grain



324 farms producing a variety of fruits and vegetables



374 farms (12%)

Ontario's dairy cattle & milk production



205 farms (10%)

Ontario's poultry & egg



93 farms (7%) Ontario's sheep & goat production



167 farms (7%)

Ontario's horse and other equine production & services 2



503 farms (6%)

Ontario's beef cattle production



147 farms (7%)

Ontario's "other" animal production

County of Wellington

\$189.28 million (4%) for grains and oilseeds

\$220.8 million (12%) for poultry (chicken & turkey) & eggs

Wellington County has a strong input and services sector that differentiates it from other rural Ontario communities.

\$6.02 million (6%) for sheep and lamb

Wellington's contribution of all of Ontario's farm cash receipts

\$107.64 million (6%) for hogs

Wellington County accounts for 5.8% of Ontario's agri-food value chain

81% of the County's soil is Class 1-3

Wellington County covers only 0.2% oip of

of Ontario's Land Base

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\$223.96 million (10%) for dairy products

\$150.9 million (11%) for beef cattle



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