

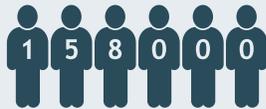
# ONTARIO'S ECONOMIC ENGINE

As farmers, we know the importance of agriculture to our family and our community. Here are impressive numbers about how Ontario's agri-food sector is fueling the economy.

## Primary agriculture – on the farm

**\$13.7B**

Agriculture contributes \$13.7 billion to Ontario's annual GDP



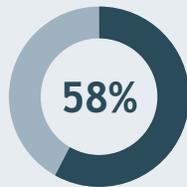
158,000 jobs are generated by the farm sector

**\$8.1B**

\$8.1 billion in wages and salaries are supported by Ontario farms

**\$12B**

Ontario farms spend almost \$12 billion on farm inputs

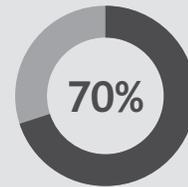


58% of those jobs are located in rural areas

**\$1.4B**

Ontario's farm sector generates \$1.4 billion in provincial tax revenues

## Along the value chain



More than 70% of Ontario farm products remain within the province

**\$21,300,000,000**

Ontario's food and beverage processors contributed \$21.3 billion to the province's GDP in 2012



Food processing directly employs more than 91,000 workers across Ontario and more than 193,000 secondary jobs in other areas of the economy

## OFA: Ontario agriculture's #1 advocate

For 80 years, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture has been the leading voice of Ontario farmers. We represent the interests and concerns of more than 36,000 Ontario farm businesses. We are a dynamic, farmer-led organization based in Guelph, Ontario. The OFA works to represent and champion the interests of Ontario farmers through government relations, farm policy research and advocacy, community representation and public relations.

Source: Economic Contribution of the Ontario Farm Sector, October 2013 by JRG Consulting Group

**Do you have questions about Ontario's agri-food sector or want to learn more about issues impacting our industry? Contact OFA for insight and information.**

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# OFA: THE VOICE OF ONTARIO FARMERS

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) is celebrating 80 years of advocacy in 2016. We are the largest general farm organization in Ontario, representing more than 36,000 farm families across the province. We are a dynamic, farmer-led organization based in Guelph, Ontario championing the interests of Ontario farmers through government relations, farm policy recommendations, lobby efforts, research, community representation and media relations.

**36,000**

farm businesses represented

**52**

counties represented

**104**

member Policy Advisory Council

**21**

Member Service Representatives (field staff)

**80**

year history in Ontario agriculture

**18**

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