

Agriculture

Facts at a Glance

York Region 2021 Census Total Operating Revenues and Farm Area

by Local Municipality

York Region had the **third highest total operating revenues** in the Golden Horseshoe² at **\$2,903 per acre**

From 2016 to 2021, York Region recorded a decrease of **108 farms** (15%) and **8,171 acres** (6%) of farmland

Farmland accounted for 31% of York Region's land area in 2021, down from 32% in 2016

70% of farms in York Region are **less than 130 acres** in size, the average **farm size increased** by 11% to **223 acres** since 2016

70% of farm operators in York Region were over the age of 55, with the average age of a farm operator in 2021 being 60

² Golden Horseshoe in this bulletin refers to the cities and regions that make up the Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance including Durham, Halton, Hamilton, Peel, Niagara, Toronto and York Region.



2021 YORK REGION FARMS

Total Operating Revenues (\$)

Total Farmland Area (Acres)¹

¹ Statistics Canada's "farm headquarters rule" is used to calculate the Total Farmland Area.

Total Operating Revenues
\$390,192,193

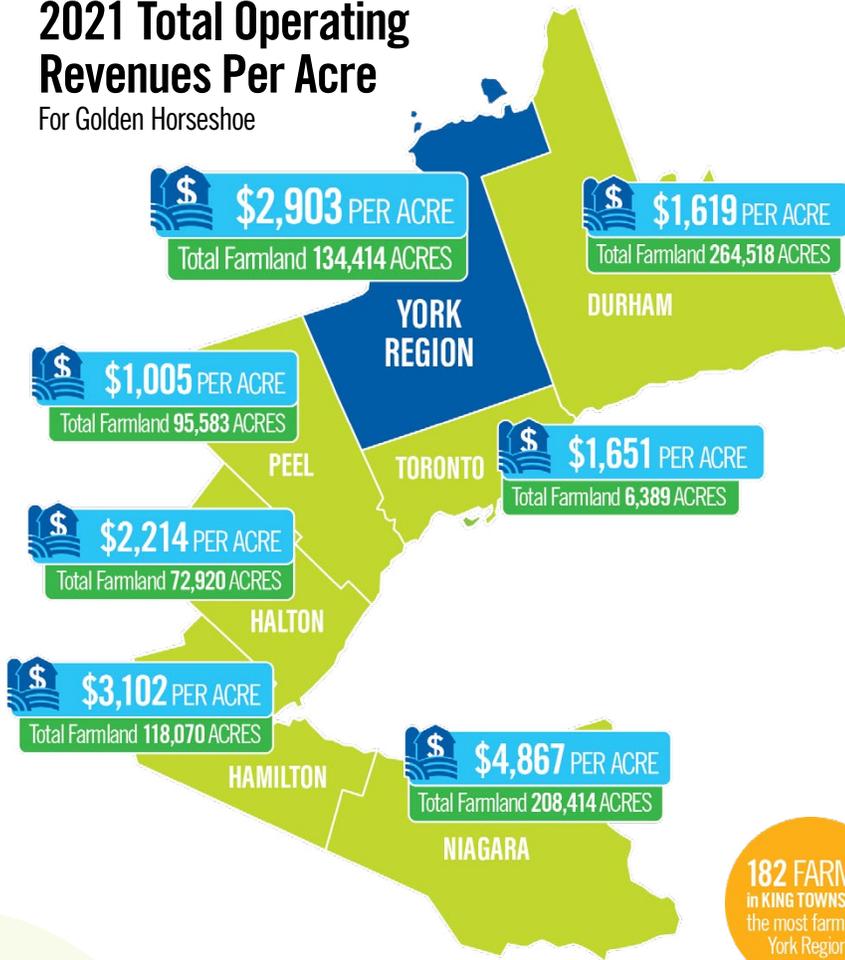
Total Farmland Area
134,414 ACRES

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

* For the 2021 Census of Agriculture, the Towns of Aurora, Newmarket and Richmond Hill are reported as one consolidated Census Subdivision.

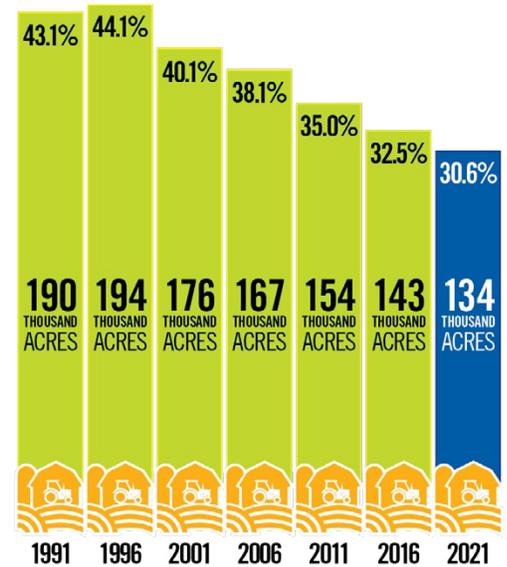
2021 Total Operating Revenues Per Acre

For Golden Horseshoe

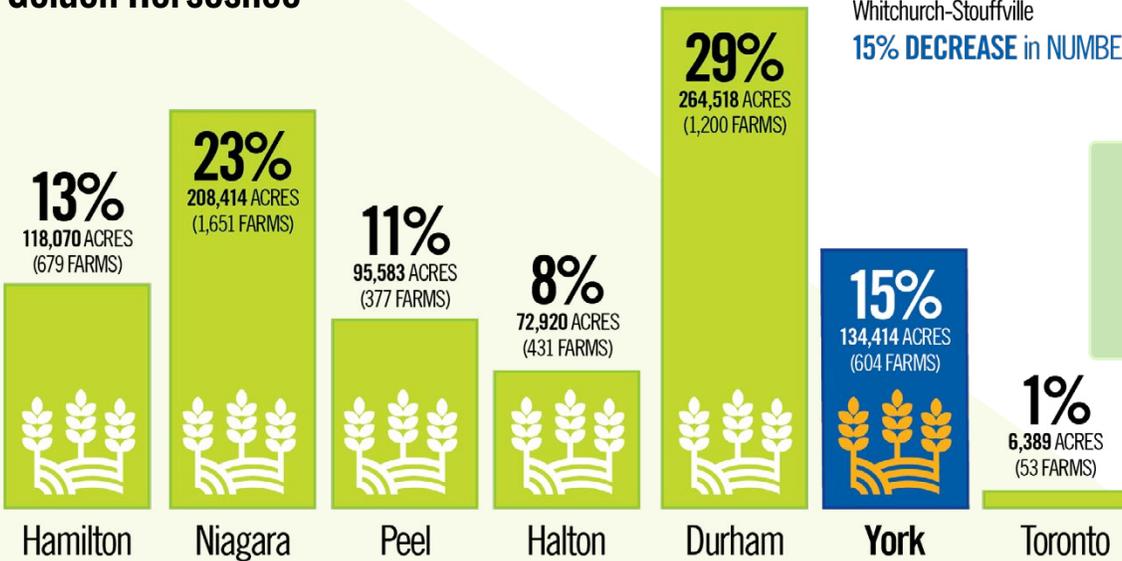


York Region Farm Area by Census Year

% of Total York Region Land Area



Distribution of Farmland Across the Golden Horseshoe*



182 FARMS in KING TOWNSHIP the most farms in York Region



604 Farms in YORK REGION

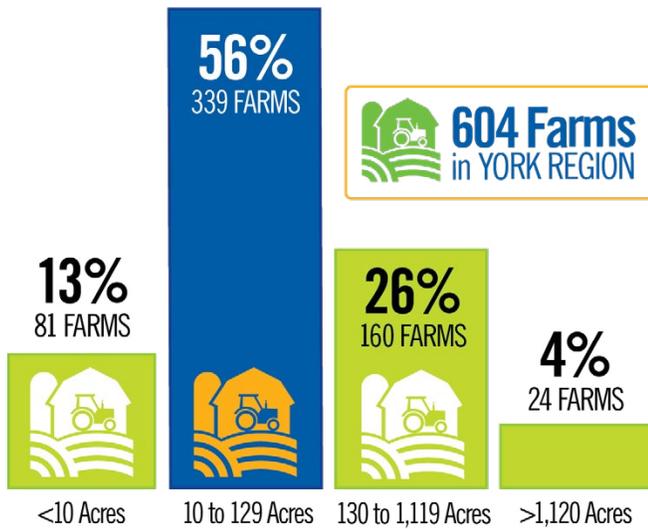
- Aurora, Richmond Hill, Newmarket: 35 FARMS
- East Gwillimbury: 106 FARMS
- Georgina: 102 FARMS
- King: 182 FARMS
- Markham: 44 FARMS
- Vaughan: 52 FARMS
- Whitchurch-Stouffville: 83 FARMS

15% DECREASE in NUMBER of FARMS since 2016

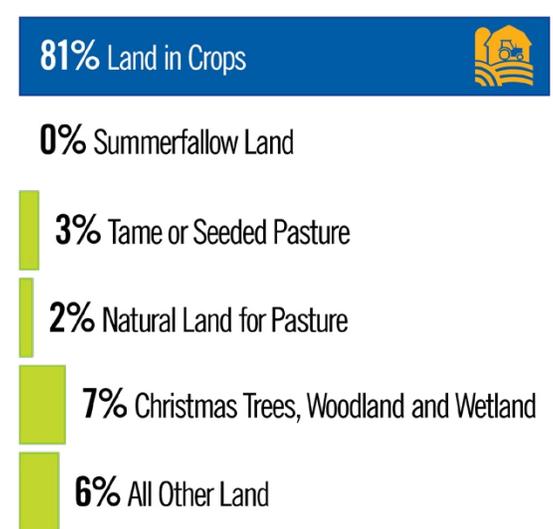
15% of Total Farmlands in the Golden Horseshoe are in York Region

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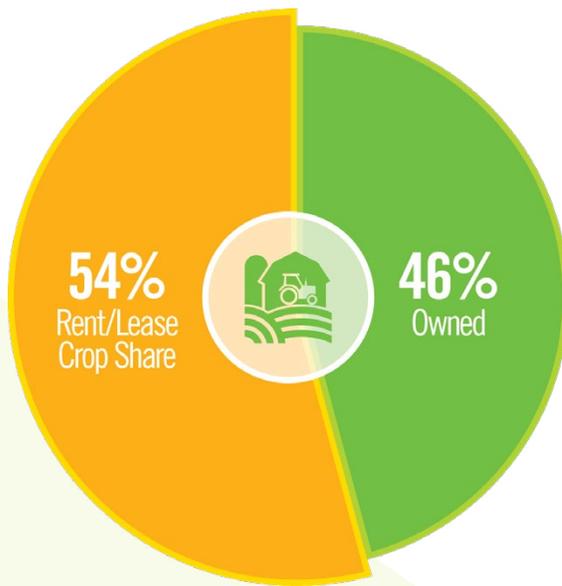
2021 York Region Farms by Size



2021 York Region Farmland Uses



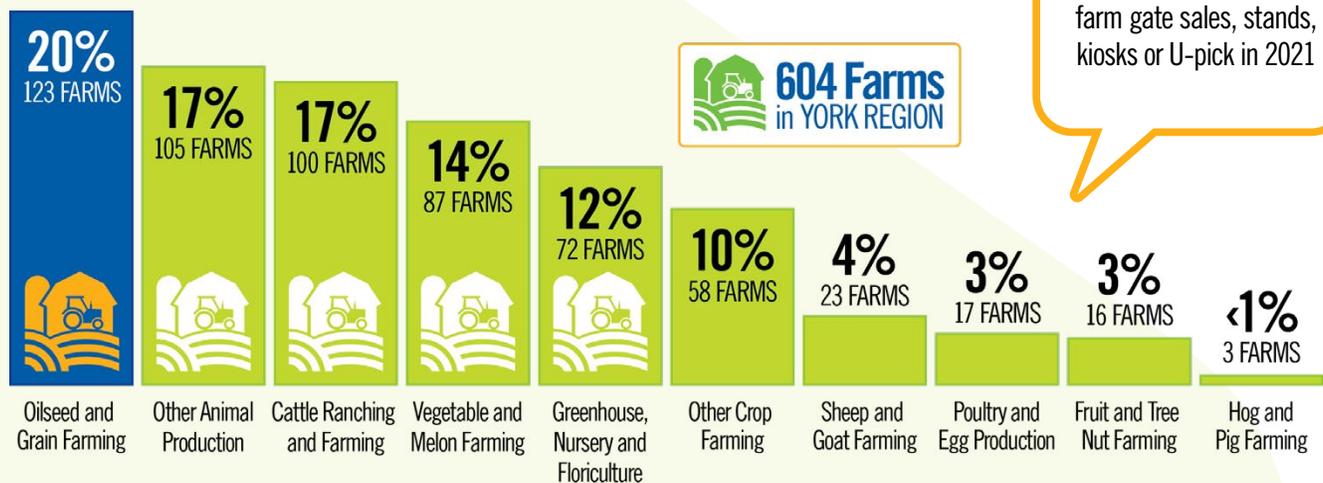
2021 York Region Farmland Tenure



DID YOU KNOW?

132 farms in York Region (22%) reported **selling directly to consumers**, most of them selling unprocessed agricultural produces, mainly through farm gate sales, stands, kiosks or U-pick in 2021

2021 York Region Farms by Industry



2021 York Region Major Fruit, Vegetable and Field Crops

Major Fruit Crops

 Strawberries **89 ACRES**

Note: several data points on Fruits, Agriculture, Census 2021, were too unreliable to be published by Statistics Canada

Major Vegetable Crops

 Carrots **2,623 ACRES**

 Cabbage **1,931 ACRES**

 Onions **1,813 ACRES**

Major Field Crops

 Soybeans **32,741 ACRES**

 Corn for Grain **24,889 ACRES**

 Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures **11,618 ACRES**

2021 York Region Livestock and Poultry Inventories

Livestock Inventory

 Calves **2,161**

 Steers **2,613**

 Cows **3,461**

 Sheep and Lambs **14,590**

 Horses and Ponies **1,492**

Poultry Inventories

 Hens and Chickens **166,581**

DID YOU KNOW?

67 farms in York Region (11%) reported using solar, bioenergy/biomass combustion, or geothermal technology to **generate renewable energy** in 2021, up from **51 farms** (7%) in 2016

DID YOU KNOW?

70% of farm operators in York Region were over the age of **55** in 2021

Definitions

Census farm - In 2021, a farm (or census farm) was defined as a unit that produces agricultural products and reports revenues or expenses for tax purposes to the Canada Revenue Agency.

Farm headquarters rule - The Census of Agriculture “farm headquarters rule” concept refers to the assignment of all data collected for an agricultural operation to a single main farm location, as reported by

the census respondent. This methodology is applied to all agricultural operations in Canada, including those composed of numerous parcels of land located in different geographic areas (such as rural municipalities or counties). The application of the “farm headquarters rule” could result in some perceived inconsistencies related to the allocation of land and commodities to different Census Consolidated Subdivisions (CCS), from census to census.

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