

Lambton County Ag Facts

Agriculture and agri-business represent the second largest economic sector in Lambton County.

The Lambton County agricultural industry consists of traditional field crop and animal production, but has grown to include thriving agri-business and value-added agriculture opportunities.

Lambton County is located at the southern end of Lake Huron and along the shores of the St. Clair River, and offers many environmental factors that make it an ideal location for agriculture and food processing.

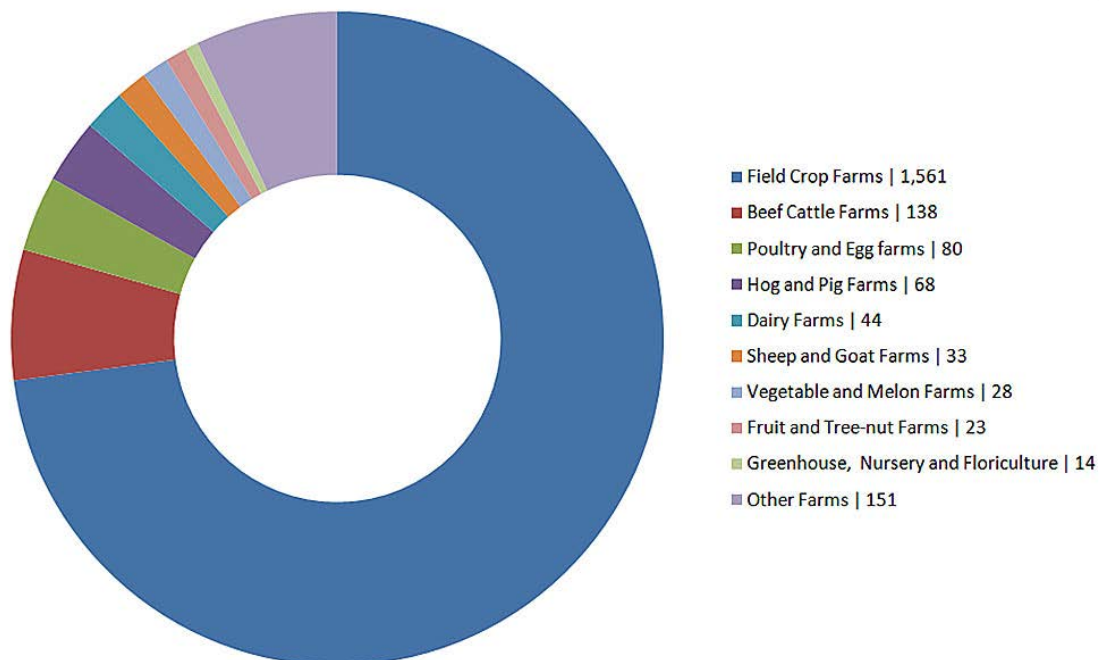
The community experiences moderate summer and winter temperatures as a result of the proximity to Lake Huron.

These factors make Lambton County a key location for crop production, including specialty crops and fruits and vegetables. It also makes the region ideal for greenhouse production, given its temperate climate and amount of sunlight throughout the year.

2021 Lambton County Census Highlights

Number of Farms

There were 2,140 individual farms in Lambton County in 2021:

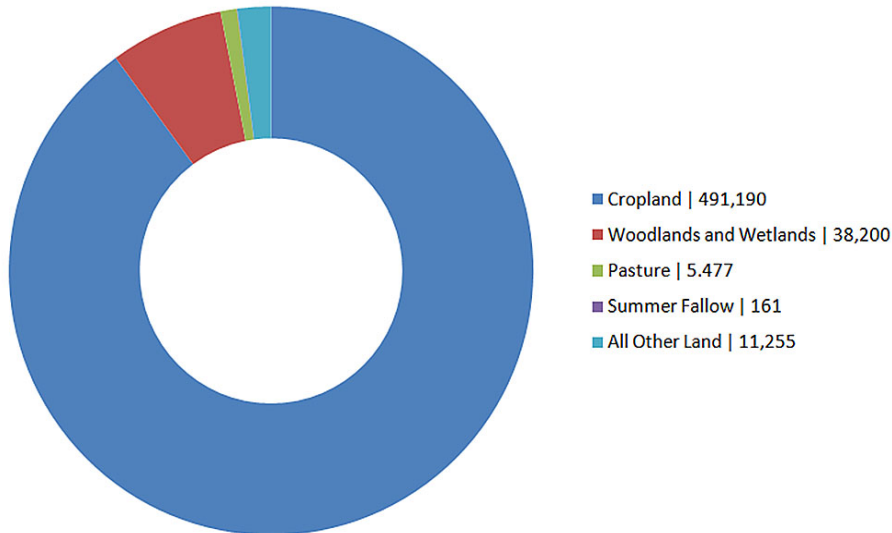


Link to: [2,091 farms in 2016](#)

Land Use on farms

Lambton farmers are owners and stewards of 80% of the total area of the County of Lambton and the average farm size in 2021 was 257 acres.

550,168 Acres were operated by farmers in Lambton County in 2021:



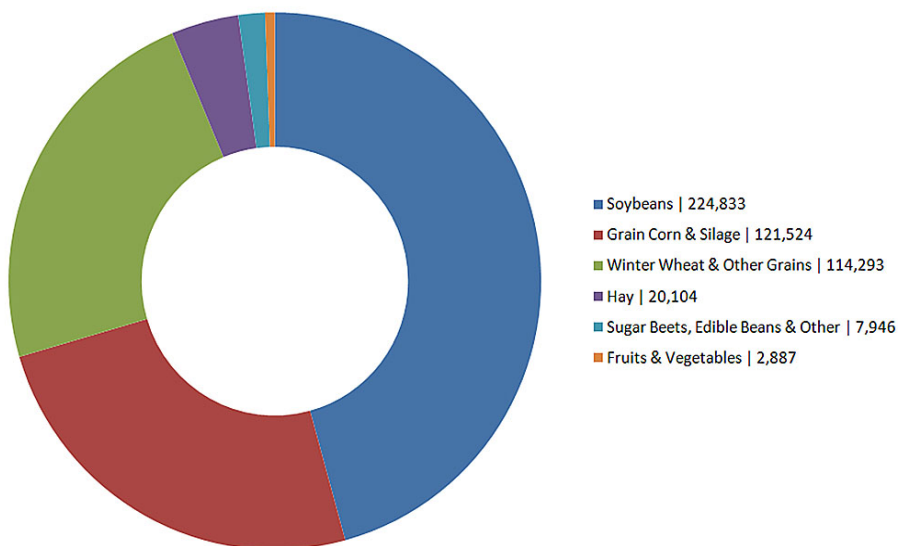
Link to: [591,591 Acres in 2016](#)

Cropping and Livestock

Lambton County is home to Ontario's largest volumes of soybeans and Ontario's second largest volumes of sugar beets and wheat. Also, it is home to a growing greenhouse industry, including the production of peppers, cucumbers, flowers, and vegetables.

Lambton County also has significant livestock and poultry supplies, with local processing capabilities

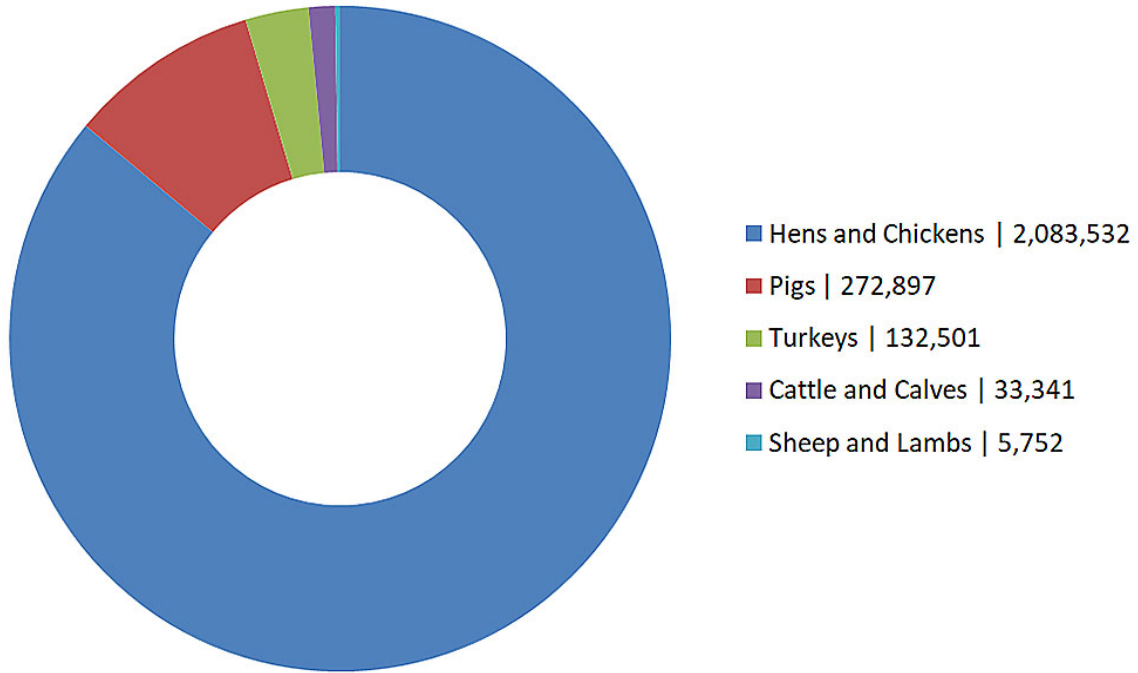
2021 Cropland Use (acres):



--Including 17 greenhouses (5.4 M square feet)

Link to: [2016 Cropland Use \(Including 13 greenhouses w 3.1 M square feet\)](#)

2021 Livestock Inventories:

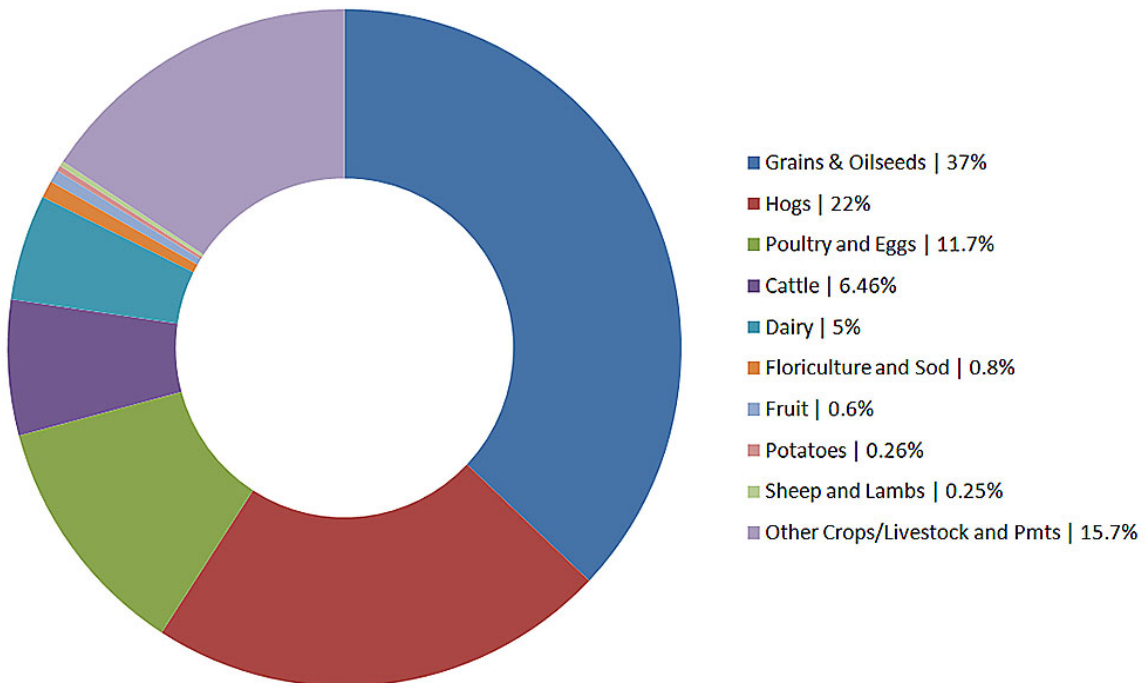


Link to: [2016 Livestock Inventories](#)

Economy

Lambton Agriculture contributed **\$729.65 Million in Total Sales in 2021.**

2021 Share of Receipts:

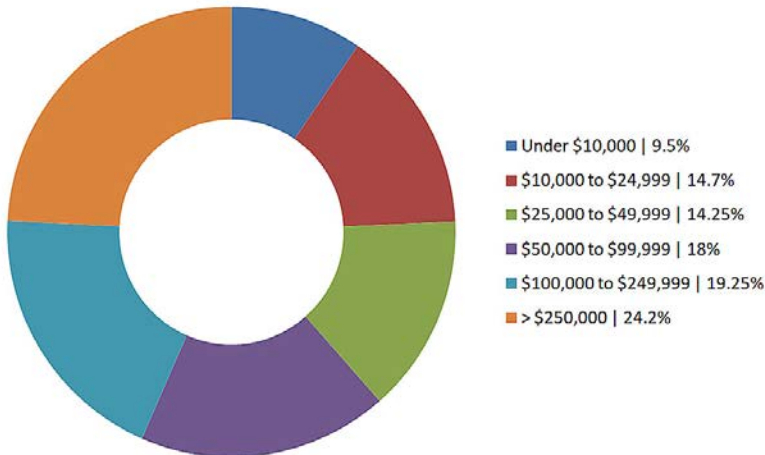


Compared to \$582.72 Million in Total Sales in 2016:

Link to: [2016 Share of Receipts](#)

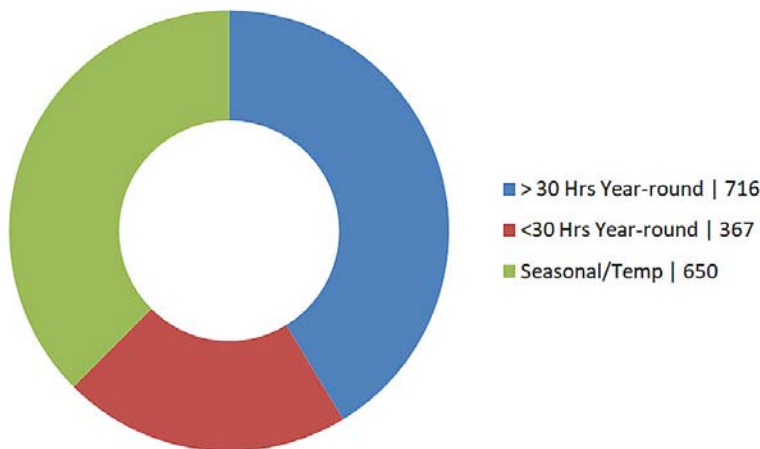
2021 Distribution of Revenue:

Over 43% of Lambton County's farms generate more than \$100k in revenue:



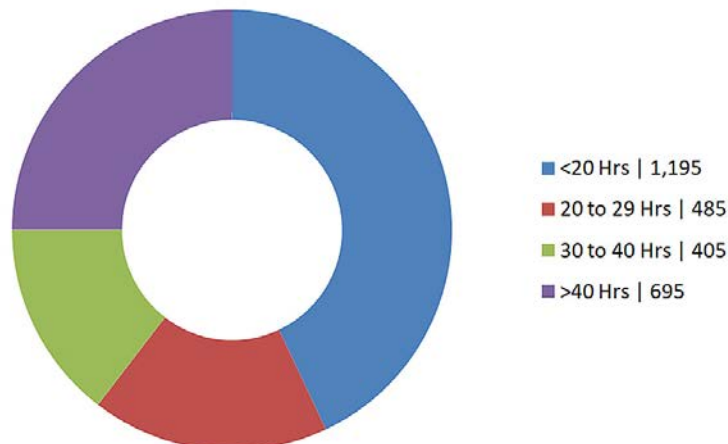
Link to: [In 2016 over 41% of Lambton County's farms generated more than \\$100k in revenue](#)

2021 Numbers of employees working on farms:



Link to: [2016 Employee Numbers](#)

2021 Weekly hours of work by Farm Operator:



Link to: [2016 Weekly Hours](#)

Agriculture at a Glance

AS OF 2021

Local Snapshot

Lambton County
CENSUS DIVISION



2,140
farms



550,168
acres of farmland



257 acres
is the average sized farm



Local Farm Sales

6%
sell farm
products directly
to the
consumer:



3
farms operate a CSA
(Community Supported Agriculture)



22 farms sell
at farmers' markets



85 farms sell directly from their
farm, at stands, or pick-you-own

Economic Contributions in 2021

Local Impact



The local agri-food sector
employed **7,815** people
through **2,321** local agri-food
business establishments

Farm Cash Receipts



\$730 million
in Farm Cash
Receipts



- Grains & Oilseeds
- Hogs
- Other Crops/Livestock & Payments

Across the Province

Farm cash receipts
generated by local farms
supported **\$1.6 billion**
in GDP and **23,991**
employees in the agri-food
sector from farm to fork
across Ontario

Farm Facts



15.2%
generate renewable
energy, including
solar, bioenergy and
wind power



29.7%
of farm
operators
are female



56.5%
are small farms
(less than \$100,000
in revenue)



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

Ontario Agriculture at a Glance



Nearly **50,000**
farms across the province



11.7 million
acres of farmland



243 acres
is the average sized farm



Local Farm Sales

16% sell
farm products
directly to the
consumer:



322
farms operate a CSA
(Community Supported Agriculture)



Over **1,100**
farms sell at
farmers' markets



Over **5,200**
farms sell directly from
their farm, at stands,
or pick-your-own

Economic Contributions

Ontario's agri-food
sector grosses



\$47 billion
in GDP annually

Ontario's agri-food
sector employs



over **750,000** people
10% of the
Ontario labour force

Ontario
exports
nearly



\$20 billion
in agri-food products
annually

Farm Facts



17.5%
of Ontario farms
generate renewable
energy, including
solar, bioenergy and
wind power



31%
of farm
operators
are female



Nearly **60%**
of Ontario farms
are small farms
(less than \$100,000
in revenue)

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture represents Ontario farmers.
For more information, visit ofa.on.ca



This content was taken from the 2021 Census of Agriculture and calculations using economic attribution modeling from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. Learn more here <https://www.statcan.gc.ca/en/census-agriculture> and here <https://www.ontario.ca/page/agriculture-and-food-economic-indicators>