

Farms and Food Forever

Bruce County Agriculture



Bruce Federation of Agriculture (BCFA)

- ✓ Celebrating 82 years
- ✓ Formed in 1941 to work on a local level to represent the voice of the farmer in Ontario
- ✓ 1,559 Bruce County Members (2022)
- ✓ BCFA works to advance agriculture and the rural community through partnerships, education and advocacy
- ✓ Works with OFA to provide lobbying efforts and resources for local members

Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA)

- ✓ Representing more than 39,000 farm families
- ✓ Advocate for farmers through government relations, farm policy recommendations and lobby efforts
- ✓ Support 52 county and regional federations
- ✓ Member Service Representatives to provide front-line service to members
- ✓ Farm policy research staff to keep on top of regulatory and legislative matters



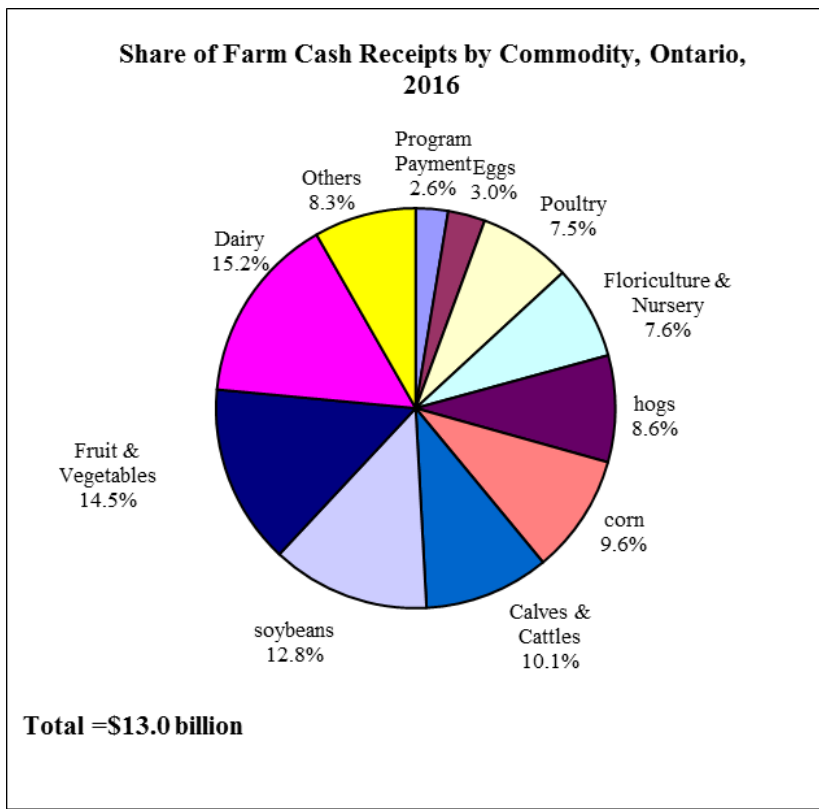
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- Regular County Meetings
- MP/MPP/Local Politician Meeting
- Information Meetings
- Host All Candidates Mtgs
- Annual Ag Review Paper.
- Affiliated with: Farm and Food Care Ontario and AGSCAPE
- Medical Students Tour
- Ag Career Education
- Social Events

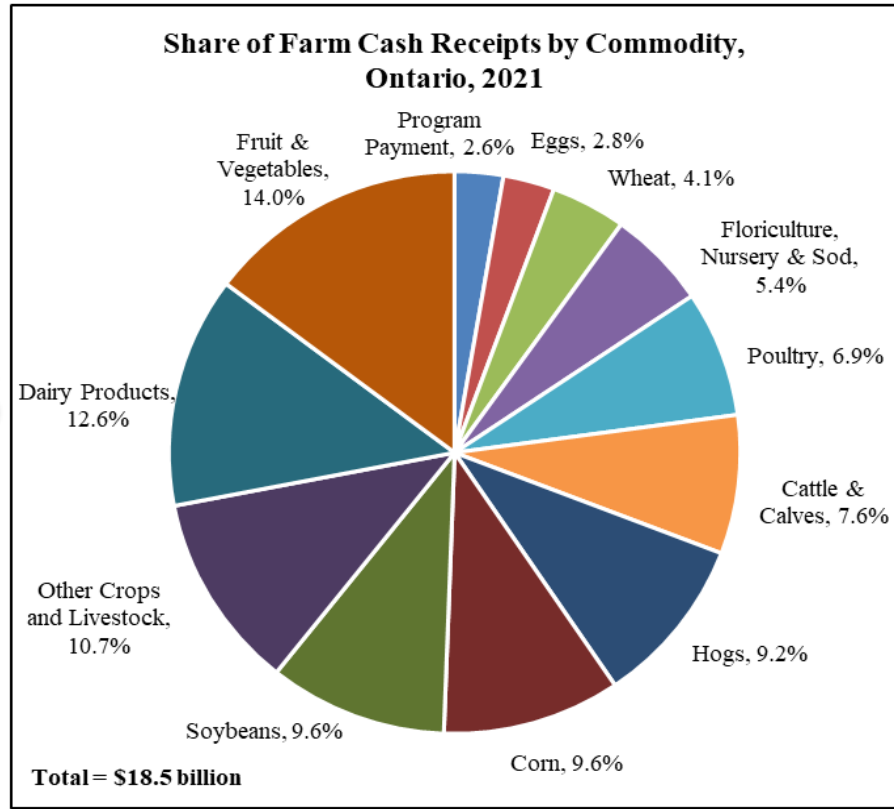
- Represent Bruce County Members
- Advocate on issues, Legislation and Regulations
- Lobby Provincial & Federal Governments
- Advocate for agriculture
- Farmers working for farmers.

- Represent Ontario Members
- Grassroots Policy Development
- Farm Business Registrations
- Access to 21 Experienced, knowledgeable Member Service Representatives
- Exclusive discounts and promotions through OFA membership
- Highly skilled farm policy research staff.
- Educational opportunities province wide and webinars
- Training opportunities

Share of Ontario's Farm Cash Receipts Comparison: 2016 vs 2021



VS



Agriculture & Food Industry

- ✓ 1.5 % of Ontario's population are operating farms
- ✓ Agri-food sector is the #1 driver of the Provincial economy
- ✓ Generates 47.6 Billion to Ontario GDP
- ✓ Creates 861,000 jobs
- ✓ Ontario Farmers produce more than 200 farm and food products

Economic Contributions of Bruce Farm Production to the Provincial Economy in 2021

Number of Jobs	GDP (Millions of Dollars)
23,659	\$ 1,600

Agriculture in Bruce County



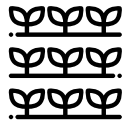
Total Number of Farms

1,946 farms



Major Fruit Crop

Strawberries 65 acres



Total Farmland Area

368,261 acres



Major Vegetable Crop

Green Peas 168 acres



Largest Farming Industry

Beef Cattle Farming 546 farms



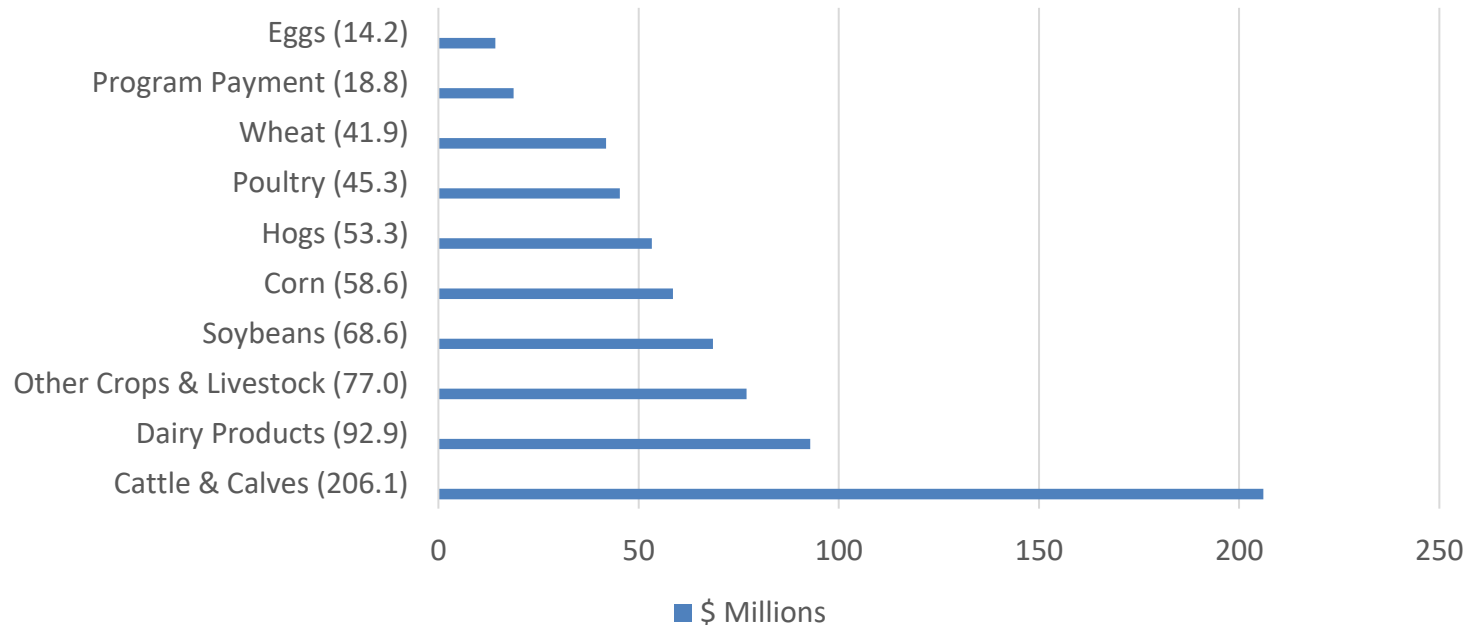
Major Field Crop

Soybeans 108,816 acres



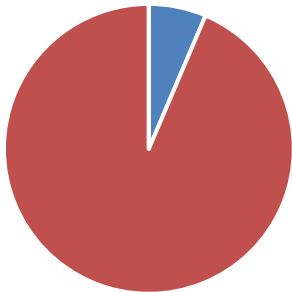
Estimated Farm Cash Receipts (FCR) by County and Crop (\$ Million)- 2021

Farm Cash Receipts for Main Commodities, Bruce, 2021
(Total = \$719.57 million)

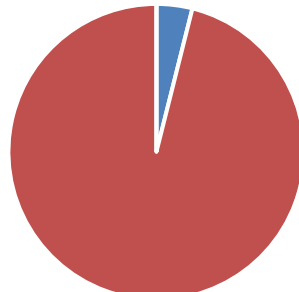


Bruce County's Top Commodities (blue) as a percentage of Provincial total - 2021

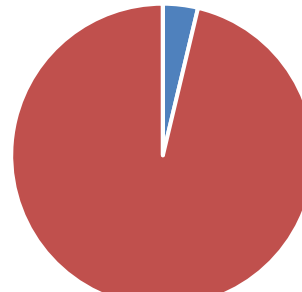
Beef cattle ranching and farming



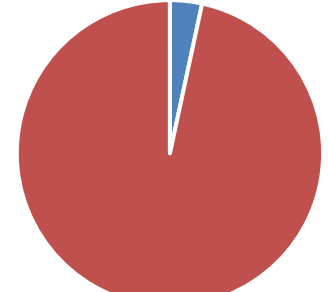
Dairy cattle and milk production



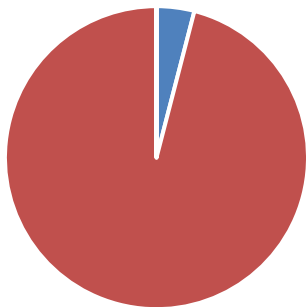
Hog and pig farming



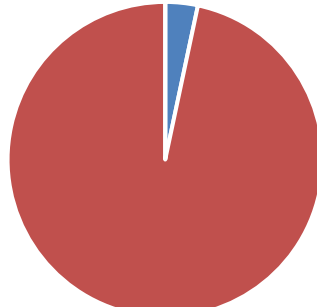
Poultry and egg production



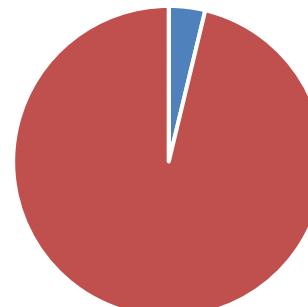
Sheep and goat farming



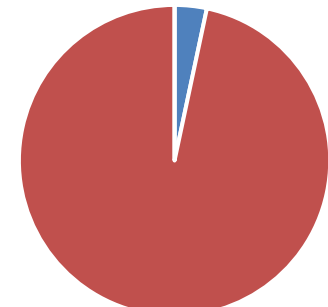
Other animal production



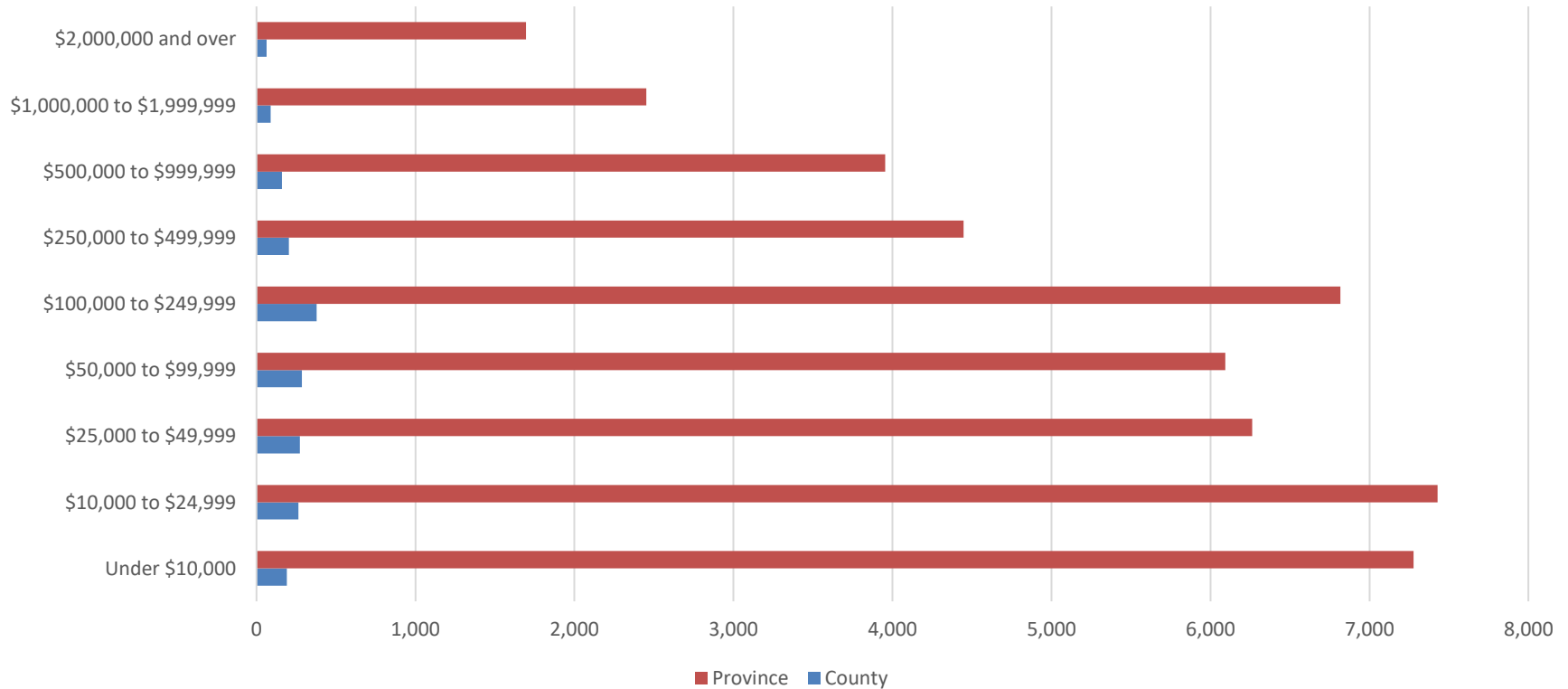
Oilseed and grain farming



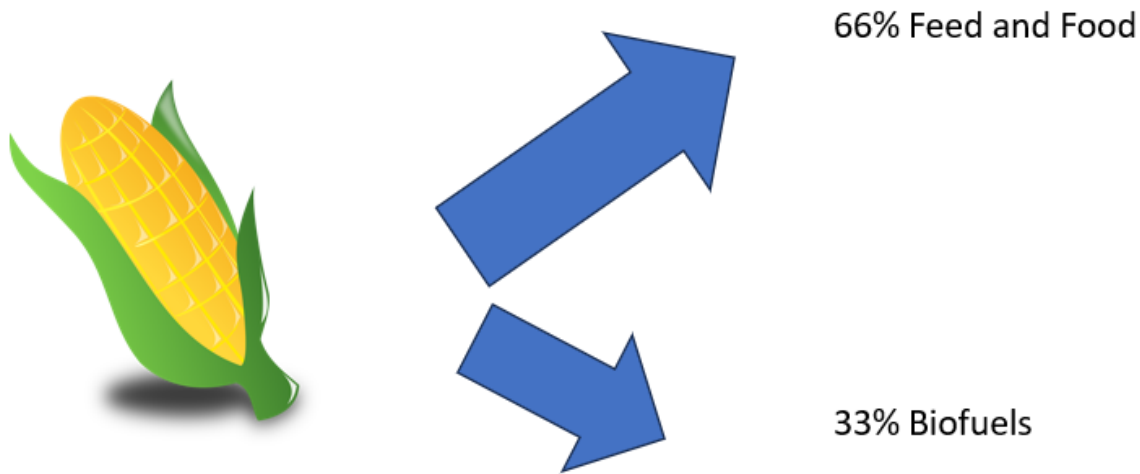
Other crop farming



Bruce County Farm Cash Receipts as a Percentage of the Province - 2021



Bruce County Agriculture and Energy: Biofuels



Bruce County produced 13,000,000 bushels of corn in 2022

Approximately 1/3 is used in biofuel production displacing 35 million litres of gasoline

Bruce County Agriculture and Energy: Biohydrogen

Growing interest in biohydrogen
Near term interest for natural gas enrichment

Synergies may exist with the existing energy infrastructure in Bruce County



Bruce County Federation Supports OFA's Provincial Priorities

- 1) Food Value Chain Security (grocery code of conduct, food policy/pricing, strikes like CN & Seaway etc)
- 2) Labour and Workforce Development (developing domestic and immigrant labour, promotion of ag careers etc)
- 3) Rural Infrastructure and Affordable Energy (broadband, natural gas, schools & roads & bridges etc)
- 4) Mental Health & Wellness (farmer wellness programs, lyme disease, succession planning etc)

Bruce County Federation Directors

- ✓ Allan Smith - Arran Elderslie
 - ✓ Chris Cossitt - Brockton
 - ✓ Tammy Young - Brockton
 - ✓ John Rodger - Bruce Peninsula
 - ✓ John Gillespie - Huron Kinloss
 - ✓ Joe Detzler - South Bruce
 - ✓ Les Nichols - South Bruce
 - ✓ Lorne Underwood - South Bruce
 - ✓ Thomas Lennox - South Bruce
 - ✓ Robert Rodgers - South Bruce Peninsula
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- ✓ Directors represent all major commodity groups



Our Professional Team is Ready to Help

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Thank you for your interest in
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Any Questions?