

QUICK FACTS

ABOUT ONTARIO

BEEF FARMING



The Ontario beef sector contributes **\$2.69 billion** to Ontario's GDP on an annual basis from primary production, processing and retail.

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Gross sales from Ontario beef production, processing and retail exceed **\$13 billion** annually.

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FARM GATE SALES REVENUE OF ALMOST **\$1.4 BILLION**

PROCESSING REVENUE OF **\$3.5 BILLION**

RETAIL SALES OF **\$9 BILLION**

Ontario's beef sector sustains more than **61,000 jobs**.

**61,000
JOBS**

9,500 JOBS IN PRIMARY PRODUCTION

9,000 IN PROCESSING

ALMOST **43,900** IN RETAIL



BEEF FARMING IN ONTARIO REPRESENTS

17% OF ONTARIO FARMS

(CLASSIFIED BY INDUSTRY IN 2021, STATISTICS CANADA)

THE BEEF SECTOR IN ONTARIO REPRESENTS

20% OF THE CANADIAN FINISHED CATTLE POPULATION

6% OF THE CANADIAN BEEF COW POPULATION



THERE ARE CURRENTLY **223,000** BEEF COWS ON ONTARIO FARMS, WITH AN AVERAGE OF **24 COWS** PER FARM.



THE AVERAGE AGE OF A FARM OPERATOR IN ONTARIO IS **57 YEARS**. ONTARIO HAS THE MOST FEMALE FARM OPERATORS IN THE COUNTRY.



THE AVERAGE CANADIAN CONSUMES **36 LBS OF BEEF** PER YEAR. BEEF IS A NUTRIENT-DENSE PROTEIN SOURCE.



ONTARIO'S BEEF PRODUCTION ACCOUNTS FOR ROUGHLY **50% OF THE BEEF** CONSUMED IN THE PROVINCE.



GRASSLANDS USED TO RAISE BEEF CATTLE HOLD **1.9 BILLION TONNES** OF SOIL ORGANIC CARBON IN CANADA.



EXPORT MARKETS ARE IMPORTANT FOR BEEF. ONTARIO BEEF FARMERS AND PROCESSORS SELL INTO **58 MARKETS** AROUND THE WORLD.



ABOUT BEEF FARMERS OF ONTARIO
Beef Farmers of Ontario (BFO) advocates in the areas of sustainability, animal health and care, environment, food safety, and domestic and export market development. BFO's mission is to provide leadership that fosters a sustainable and profitable beef sector to meet producer needs, and have Ontario beef recognized as an outstanding product by consumers.