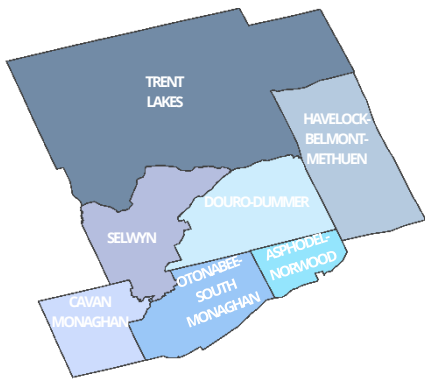


# AGRICULTURE BY THE NUMBERS

Peterborough County's Agriculture and Agri-food system is one of the main pillars of the economy due to its climate, land base, experienced operators, research capability, and skills that make it a leader in the production of agri-food products.

Peterborough County is best known for its pastured animals, especially beef and dairy. The limestone geographical features offer a challenge for row cropping and most other types of agriculture as it impacts soil conditions.

## PETERBOROUGH COUNTY



### TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES

Operating revenues have increased by \$38,149,333 or 32.7% over a 10-year period.

**2011** **2016** **2021**  
**\$78,543,529** **\$94,282,602** **\$116,692,862**



### OPERATING REVENUE PER FARM

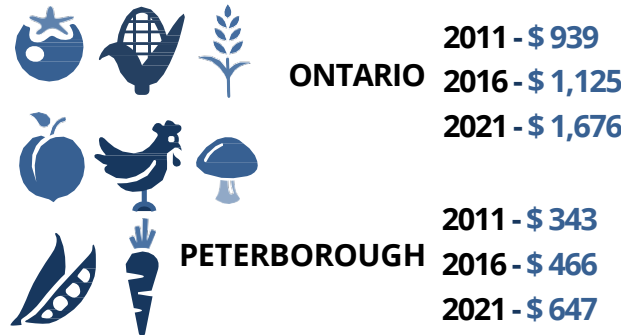
Operating Revenue has increased for farmers by \$60,628 or 81.3% over a 10-year period.

**2011** **2016** **2021**  
**\$74,590** **\$100,194** **\$135,218**



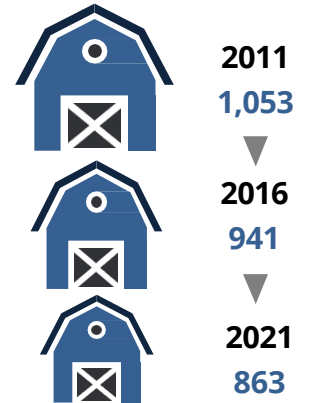
### OPERATING REVENUE PER ACRE

Operating Revenue has increased for farmers by \$304 or 88.6% over a 10-year period.



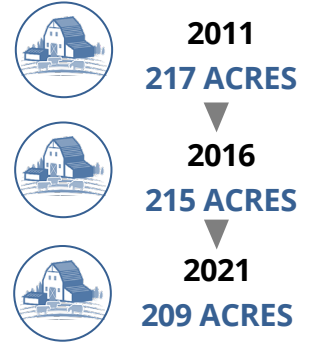
### NUMBER OF FARMS

Farms are disappearing. There are 22% fewer farms over a 10-year period.



### AVERAGE FARM SIZE

Average farm size is slowly decreasing.



### AVERAGE AGE OF FARMERS (2021)

Peterborough farmers' average age is higher than that of the Provincial Average.



**ONTARIO**  
56.7

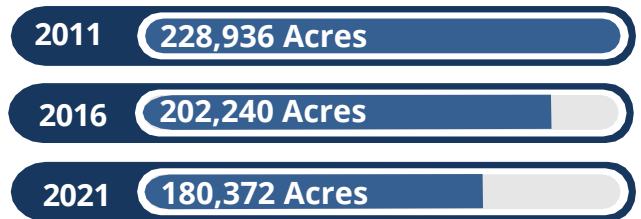
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**PETERBOROUGH**  
58.7

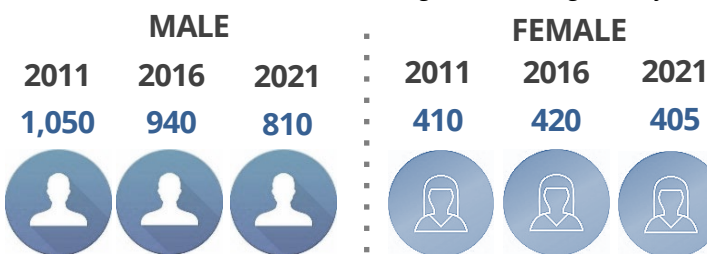
### NUMBER OF FARMLAND ACRES

Peterborough has lost 48,564 Acres of farmland within 10 Years.



### NUMBER OF MALE AND FEMALE FARMERS

The number of farmers is declining in Peterborough County.



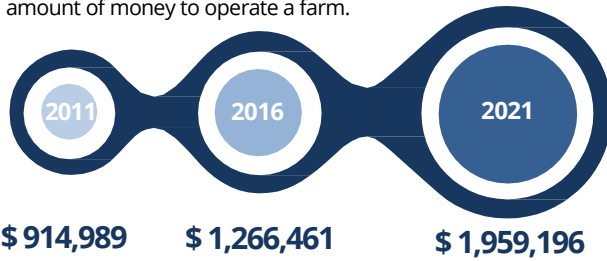
### OWNED FARMLAND

Many farmers farm on land that is their own.



### > AVERAGE FARM CAPITAL

The value and cost of land, buildings and equipment has increase by 114.1% in the past 10 years. It takes a substantial amount of money to operate a farm.



### > LAND PRACTICES AND LAND FEATURES

Windbreaks and Shelterbelts help to protect lands from wind and erosion, crops from physical damage, and help irrigation efficiency.



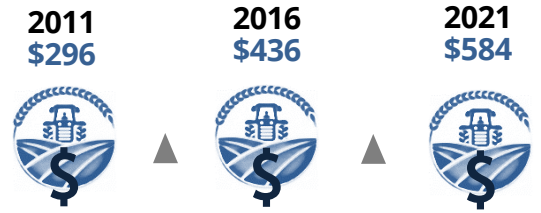
### > OPERATING EXPENSES – PER FARM

Operating expenses on farm level has increased by \$57,669 per farm or 89.6% over a 10-year period.



### > OPERATING EXPENSES – PER ACRE

Operating costs per acre has increased by \$288 per acre or 49.3% over a 10-year period.



### > SUCCESSION PLAN FOR AGRICULTURAL OPERATION

Farm Operators may not have access to resources that can help them create a succession plan. Without a succession plan, farmland may be bought for non-agricultural development.

**No Succession Plan**  
614 Farms (67%)

**Verbal Succession Plan Only**  
193 Farms (21%)

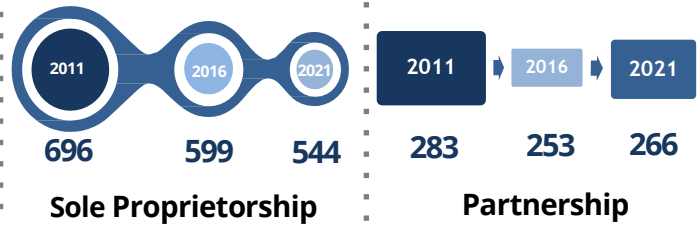


**Written Succession Plan**  
56 Farms (6%)

**1 or More Family Members**  
55 Farms (6%)

### > OPERATING ARRANGEMENTS

Sole Proprietorship has remained the main form of operating a farm within Peterborough. Although, Partnership has been increasing as Sole Proprietorship is decreasing.



### > NUMBER OF FARMS BY TYPE - 2021



\* **Miscellaneous Specialty refers to** : Sheep Farming, Goat Farming, Horse & Other Equine Production, Fur Bearing Animal & Rabbit Production, Apiculture, All Other Miscellaneous Animal Production, Mushroom Production, Other Food Crops Grown Under Cover, Floriculture Production, Nursery & Tree Production and Maple Syrup & Products Production

\*\* **Other Combination refers to**: Fruit & Vegetable Combination Farming and All Other Miscellaneous Crop Farming

- ### > SUCCESSES
- Productive land base
  - Average farm size appears to be stable
  - Revenues continue to exceed operating costs

- ### > CHALLENGES
- Increasing land prices and operating costs deter new entrants to farming
  - Continual decrease in farmland available for production
  - Increased farm operating costs