

Agriculture in Clarington



Clarington's agriculture sector is a cornerstone of the local economy, home to nearly 300 working farms showcasing all aspects of the agriculture cycle, from pick-your-own tourism gems, small-batch dairy production, to local industry leaders like Algoma Orchards—one of Canada's premier apple producers. The community's agricultural landscape is rich and diverse, producing a wide variety of agricultural products, including dairy, eggs, beef, soybeans, grains, apples, and honey. Clarington is well-positioned for growth in this sector with its prime farmland, a supportive and forward-thinking community, and strategic initiatives aimed at enhancing food production and sustainability.

The sector is actively embracing innovation—attracting advanced technologies, promoting sustainable farming practices, and strengthening local food networks. These efforts are not only driving economic growth and resilience but also creating fertile ground for investment in agri-tech, food processing, and environmentally responsible farming solutions.

Agricultural Workforce:

Clarington supports a diverse and evolving workforce engaged in farming, agri-business, and food processing, with a rising demand for skilled professionals—especially as technology reshapes the agricultural landscape. To meet this need, Durham College's Centre for Food, located at the nearby Whitby campus, offers forward-thinking programs equipping students with the knowledge and hands-on experience to thrive in both traditional and tech-driven agri-food careers.

Between 2020 and 2023, agriculture-related jobs in Clarington grew by 8%, with projections indicating an additional 7% growth by 2028.

This upward trend reflects the sector's vitality and its increasing integration of innovation and sustainability.



