

Over 16,000 jobs linked to agriculture in Chatham-Kent!

What do you know about the crops we grow here in Chatham-Kent?

Here are some facts on various crops we grow and how we rate against the rest of the province and the rest of Canada. It is an impressive list. Here in Chatham-Kent, we really do grow for the world.

Did you know that Chatham-Kent:

- * Is the NUMBER ONE producer of tomatoes in all of Canada?
- * Is the NUMBER ONE producer of seed corn in all of Canada?
- * Is the NUMBER ONE producer of pumpkins in all of Canada?
- * Is the NUMBER ONE producer of cucumbers in all of Canada?
- * Is the NUMBER ONE producer of black tobacco in all of Canada?
- * Is the NUMBER TWO producer of Brussels sprouts in all of Canada?
- * Is the NUMBER TWO producer of sugar beets in all of Canada?
- * Is the NUMBER ONE producer of green peas in all of Ontario?
- * Is the NUMBER ONE producer of quail in all of Ontario?
- * Is the NUMBER TWO producer of field peppers in all of Ontario?
- * Is the NUMBER TWO producer of banana peppers in all of Ontario?
- * Produces approximately 20% of all vegetables grown in Ontario?
- * Produces approximately 25% of all green peas grown in Ontario?
- * Is 90% rural by area, but only 30% of the population of 104,000 live in rural areas?
- * Soybeans, corn, and wheat are the three major crops in Chatham-Kent in terms of acreage?
- * Agriculture creates over 16,000 jobs in Chatham-Kent?



* Each farmer in Chatham-Kent produces enough to feed 120 people?

* There are over 2,000 farms, which account for 4% of Ontario's total farms?

* Greenhouses in Chatham-Kent now account for over 200 acres or about 6% of Ontario's total greenhouse area?

We are fortunate in our community to have many great sectors and leaders, including those in agriculture, manufacturing, commercial enterprises, research and innovation, and so many more. It has always been said we don't really know what is in our own backyard.

Agriculture is a prime example of having a strong resource. In fact, it's a \$3-billion-plus sector right here in Chatham-Kent! Let's do all we can to keep this sector going by supporting our local agricultural producers however and whenever we can.

Remember that here in Chatham-Kent 'We Grow for the World'. Check out this website - www.wegrowfortheworld.com<<http://www.wegrowfortheworld.com>>

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