

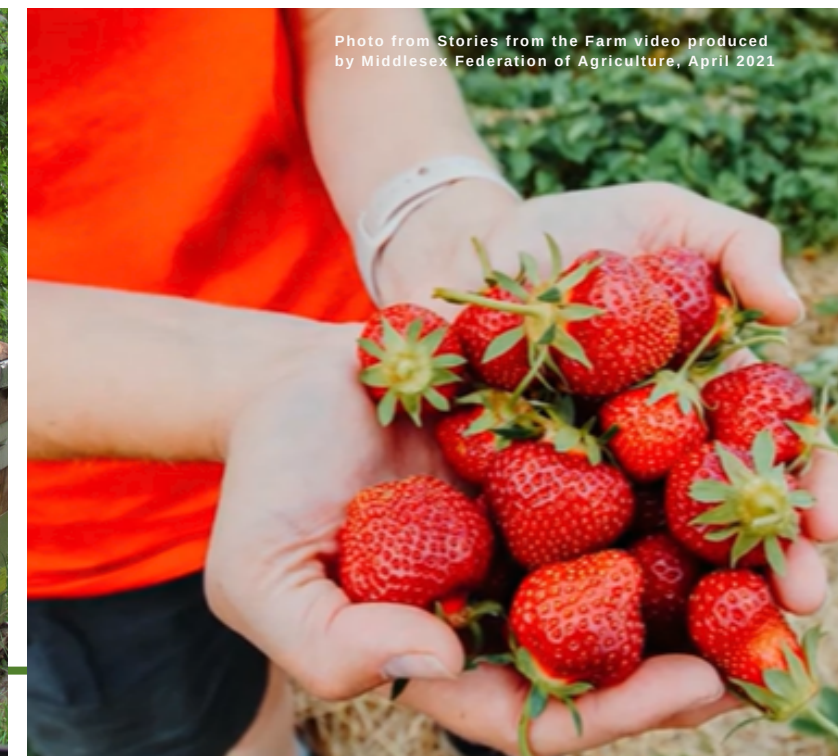
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Growing & Processing Food In Middlesex County: A Snapshot

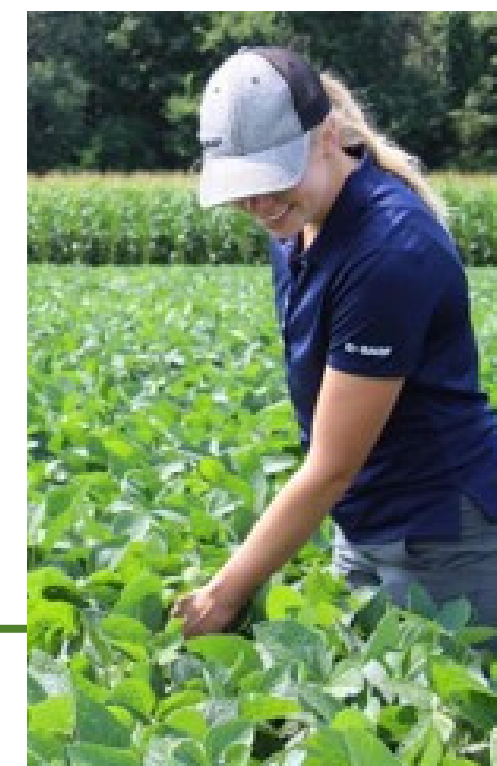
2021 Stats: Growing in Middlesex County

- +3,100 farm operators working 2,355 farms
- A little under 512,000 total acres of land used for crop production
- 5.6% of crop land in Ontario
 - slight increase since 2016
- 3.3% of Ontario's woodlands & wetlands



Growing in Middlesex County

- Prime soil and climate conditions, access to highly populated areas, skilled workforce and technology
- Largest crops by acre are still corn & soybeans
- Middlesex County also grew 6.2% of all vegetables grown in Ontario in 2021



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- Livestock is a large part of food production, including turkey, poultry, pigs and cattle: the county was responsible for almost 33% of the turkey inventory in Ontario in 2021



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- There were more than 4.3 million hens and chickens in the county that year, producing over 33.3 million dozen eggs for consumption
- Honeybee colonies are growing significantly, to more than 2600 across the county



Growing in Middlesex County

- Agri-business represents more than a quarter of all enterprises in Middlesex County
- A total of \$552 million worth of goods/year (investinMiddlesex.ca)
- 125 farms reported selling goods directly to consumers at farmers' markets, stands and kiosks, U-pick, or through farmgate sales (OMAFRA)



Growing in Middlesex County

- 4 Middlesex County based farms reported using community supported agriculture programs
- (CSA)s which involve a shared relationship between consumers and food growers or producers





A Food Literacy Event

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