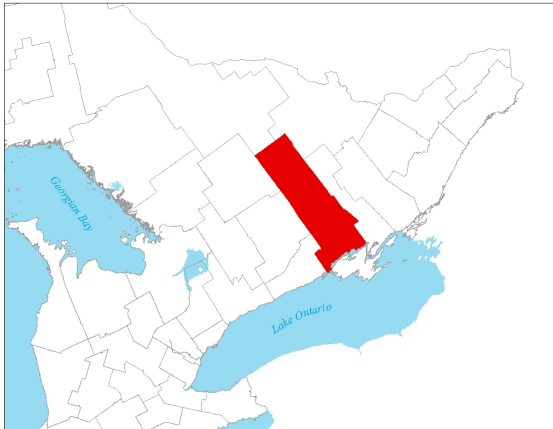


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Total Land Area (Census 2016)¹: 610,392 ha
Area of Census Farms (2001)²: 123,861.3 ha
Area of Census Farms (2016)²: 102,774.37 ha
Gross Farm Receipts (2016)⁴: \$95,198,797
Gross Farm Receipts per Hectare of Census Farm: \$926.3
Population (2016)¹: 136,445
Growth Rate 2006-2011⁵: 3.4%
Growth Rate 2011-2016¹: 1.1%

Prime Agricultural Area Redesignated To A Development Designation (Including Urban, Residential, And Employment) 2000–2017	40.06 ha
Prime Agricultural Area Redesignated To A Rural Designation 2000–2017	178.6 Ha
Land Designated As A Prime Agricultural Area With A Site-Specific Amendment To Allow Additional Uses 2000–2017	0 ha
Total Amount of Prime Agricultural Land Loss 2000-2017	218.66 ha
Total Prime Agricultural Land Loss as a Percentage (Per Census Farm Area 2001)	0.18 %

Purpose of the Summary

This county summary is part of a wider study on farmland availability in Ontario. The study quantifies the conversion of prime agricultural areas based on Official Plan Amendments in upper and single-tier municipalities across the province over a 17-year study period from 2000–2017. This summary is meant to provide detail of the findings in the County of Hastings. In conjunction with similar case studies from other counties/regions in Ontario, these findings will form the basis of the University of Guelph's *Measuring Farmland Conversion* research project.

Methods in Brief

The study involved the examination of Official Plan Amendments (OPAs) approved by the County of Hastings, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and/or the Ontario Municipal Board for the County of Hastings during the years 2000–2017. In Hastings, all lower-level municipalities are governed by the County's Official Plan policies. The first Official Plan for the County of Hastings was adopted in 2002, and as such, the OPs and OPAs for the 14 lower municipalities (Town of Bancroft, Town of

Deseronto, Municipality of Hastings Highlands, Township of Carlow/Mayo, Municipality of Centre Hastings, Township of Faraday, Township of Limerick, Township of Madoc, Township of Marmora & Lake, Municipality of Stirling-Rawdon, Township of Tudor & Cashel, Municipality of Tweed, Township of Tyendinaga, Township of Wollaston) for the years 2000 and 2001 were also examined. The physical copies of original files that document OPAs approved by the County and/or the Ontario Municipal Board during study timeframe were provided by staff at the Hasting County's Planning and Development Division. The assistance of staff at Hasting's Planning and Development Department are appreciated in making this research possible. Changes in farmland availability have been captured in three categories:

- 1) Prime agricultural areas redesignated to a development designation (including but not limited to urban, residential, commercial, industrial, and recreational designations);
- 2) Prime agricultural areas redesignated to a rural designation;
- 3) Land designated as a prime agricultural area with a site-specific amendment to allow additional uses.

Housekeeping type amendments have not been tallied as contributing to farmland conversion. Housekeeping type amendments arise as ROP schedules are updated to align land use designations with more accurate parcel lines, or to reflect existing physical features.

Agricultural Land Use Designations in the County of Hastings

In Hasting's Official Plan, there are two agricultural land use designations. The *Agricultural* designation reflects prime agricultural lands with predominantly Canadian Land Inventory Class 1–3 soils. Agricultural uses are also permitted in the *Rural* and *Waterfront* designation, however lands in this designation are predominantly Class 4–7 soils and are not considered prime agricultural lands. For this study, only amendments affecting the *Agricultural* designation were collected from Hasting's Official Plan.

Trends in Agricultural Land Conversion

Development Designations: Over the course of the study period only one amendment in Hastings converted prime agricultural land to an *Agriculture-Special* designation to permit one consent to server a 40.06 hectare parcel. This amendment is captured in category 1 of Table 1.

Rural Designation: Six amendments that converted agricultural lands to a rural designation were captured from 2000 to 2017. Five of these amendments were comparatively small, affecting about 10

hectare each. The sixth amendment changed the designation on a 121.4-hectare land. This amendment is captured in category 2 of Table 1.

Site-Specific Amendments: From 2000–2017, no site-specific amendment affecting agricultural lands were captured. This is reflected in category 3 of Table 1.

Table 1. Prime Agricultural Area Converted Through OPAs In Hastings County By Adoption Date (2000-2017)

Year of OPA adoption or approval by the OMB	Number Of OPAs Related To The Conversion Of Prime Agricultural Area	CATEGORY 1 Prime Agricultural Area Redesignated To A Development Designation (ha)	CATEGORY 2 Prime Agricultural Area Redesignated To A Rural Designation (ha)	CATEGORY 3 Land Designated As A Prime Agricultural Area With Additional Site-Specific Permitted Uses (ha)
2000	0	0	0	0
2001	0	0	0	0
2002	0	0	0	0
2003	0	0	0	0
2004	0	0	0	0
2005	3	40.06	28.98	0
2006	0	0	0	0
2007	0	0	0	0
2008	1	0	121.4	0
2009	0	0	0	0
2010	1	0	10.12	0
2011	1	0	6.1	0
2012	0	0	0	0
2013	0	0	0	0
2014	1	0	12	0
2015	0	0	0	0
2016	0	0	0	0
2017	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	7	40.06	178.6	0

**Totals may not add due to rounding.

Provincial Land Use Plans: The County of Hastings does not fall into the Greenbelt Plan, Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, the Niagara Escarpment Plan, nor the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. Official Plan Amendments in Perth County are not subject to the policies of these provincial land use plans.

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