

# STORMONT, DUNDAS, GLENGARRY



**Total Land Area (Census 2016)<sup>1</sup>:** 330,987 ha  
**Area of Census Farms (2001):** 200,925 ha  
**Area of Census Farms (2016)<sup>2</sup>:** 192,456 ha  
**Gross Farm Receipts (2016)<sup>4</sup>:** \$436,451,040  
**Gross Farm Receipts per Hectare of Census Farm:** \$2267.79  
**Population (2016)<sup>1</sup>:** 113,429  
**Growth Rate 2006-2011<sup>5</sup>:** 0.7%  
**Growth Rate 2011-2016<sup>1</sup>:** 2.0%

Prime Agricultural Area Redesignated To A Development Designation (Including Urban, Residential, And Employment) 2000–2017	<b>1.36 ha</b>
Prime Agricultural Area Redesignated To A Rural Designation 2000–2017	<b>120 ha</b>
Land Designated As A Prime Agricultural Area With A Site-Specific Amendment To Allow Additional Uses 2000–2017	<b>33.01 ha</b>
<b>Total Amount of Prime Agricultural Land Loss 2000-2017</b>	<b>154.37 ha</b>
<b>Total Prime Agricultural Land Loss as a Percentage (Per Census Farm Area 2001)</b>	<b>0.077 %</b>

## 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 United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry. 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 the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry’s Official Plan and Official Plan Amendments (OPAs). In Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry, the files that document OPAs approved by the county and/or the Ontario Municipal Board during the years 2000–2017 were compiled and provided electronically by staff at Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry’s Planning Services department. The assistance of staff is appreciated in making this research possible. Farmland conversion has 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 Official Plan 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 United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry**

Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry designates agricultural lands under two categories in the county Official Plan. These designations include *Agricultural Resource Lands* and *Rural Area*. The *Agricultural Resource Lands* designation specifically applies to lands which are Class 1–3 in Canada Land Inventory for agricultural capability, specialty crop land and lands which are used for or related to agricultural productivity. The *Rural Area* designation identifies the other lands which are characterized by their ‘wide open spaces’ or ‘country-side’ setting. For this study, only lands in the *Agricultural Resource Lands* were considered to be of relevance and interest.

### **Trends in Agricultural Land Conversion**

**Development Designations:** Over the course of the study period six amendments in Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry converted prime agricultural land to a development designation. All six of these OPAs were for rural settlement area expansions within the lower-tier municipalities on land formerly designated as *Agricultural Resource Lands*. The permitted land uses include rural settlement, commercial district and residential district. These amendments are captured in category 1 of Table 1.

**Rural Designation:** Over the course of the study period, one OPA redesignated *Agricultural Resource Lands* to *Rural Area*. This encompassed 120 hectares and is captured in category 2 of Table 1.

**Site-Specific Amendments:** Two site-specific amendments occurred in Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry during the study period. One of these amendment applied to 16 hectares of land and the other applied to a quite small piece of land (about 0.01 hectare). Both of these amendments allowed vehicle storage uses on the subject lands. Category 3 of Table 1 reflects this.

**Table 1. Prime Agricultural Area Converted Through OPAs In Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry By Adoption Date (2000-2017)**

Year of Regional 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	0	0	0	0
2006	0	0	0	0
2007	0	0	0	0
2008	2	0	120	33
2009	0	0	0	0
2010	0	0	0	0
2011	0	0	0	0
2012	0	0	0	0
2013	0	0	0	0
2014	6	0.89	0	0.01
2015	1	0.47	0	0
2016	0	0	0	0
2017	0	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1.36</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>33.01</b>

\*\*Totals may not add due to rounding.

**Provincial Land Use Plans:** The United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry’s Official Plan is subject to the Provincial Policy Statement, however Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry does not fall under the Greenbelt Plan, Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, the Niagara Escarpment Plan, or the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

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<sup>1</sup> Statistics Canada. 2017. Stormont Dundas and Glengarry, CTY [Census division], Ontario and Ontario [Province] (table). Census Profile. 2016 Census. Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 98-316-X2016001. Ottawa. Released May 3, 2017.

<sup>2</sup> OMAFRA (adopted). 2017. Area of Census Farms (Acres) by County, Ontario: 1991, 1996, 2001, 2006, 2011 and 2016. With data from Statistics Canada, Census of Agriculture.

<sup>3</sup> MMAH. 2005. “Greenbelt Outer Boundary” and MMAH, 2012. “Municipal Boundary - Upper Tier and District” data projected in UTM 17N.

<sup>4</sup> Statistics Canada. Table 004-0233 – Census of Agriculture, farms classified by total gross farm receipts in the year prior to the census, every 5 years (number of farms reporting unless otherwise noted), CANSIM (database).

<sup>5</sup> Statistics Canada. 2012. Stormont Dundas and Glengarry, Ontario (Code 3531) and Canada (Code 01) (table). Census 2011 Census. Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 98-316-XWE. Ottawa. Released October 24, 2012.