



Growing Agri-Food Durham

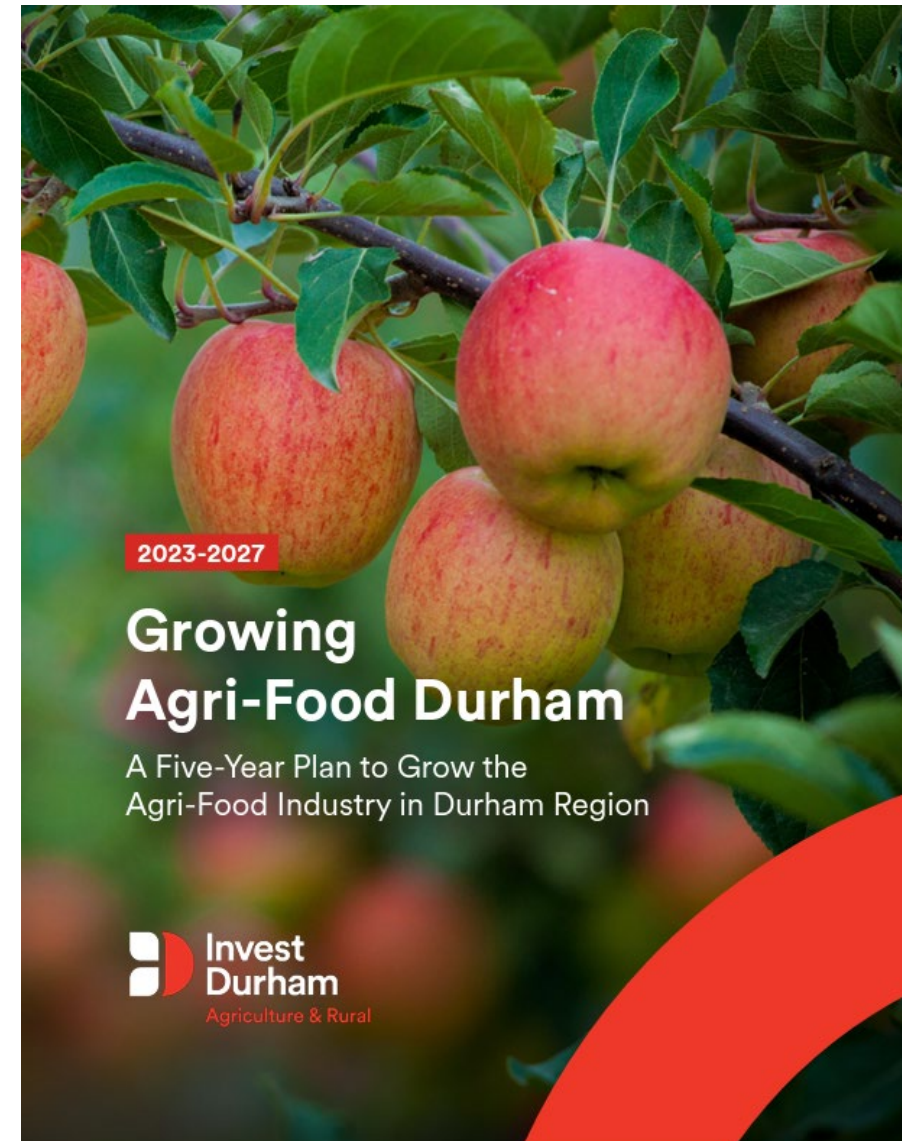
5-year Action Plan



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Purpose

- Supporting plan of Ready Set Future: A PLACE Blueprint for Durham
- 5-year action focused document to guide the activities of the Agriculture and Rural Team within the Region of Durham's Economic Development and Tourism Division.





Goal Areas

1. Retain and expand agri-food businesses (local food BR+E implementation)
2. Streamline regulations and approvals
3. Enable and encourage ag-related and on-farm diversified uses
4. Advocate for infrastructure support (including broadband)
5. Increase agri-food processing capacity
6. Identify opportunities and solutions for the workforce and labour shortages in the agri-food sector
7. Provide resources for aging and young farmers
8. Partner with stakeholders and agricultural organizations to deliver and expand agricultural literacy in the Region
9. Enable and encourage a culture of innovation in agriculture
10. Enhance urban agriculture



Goal 1

Retain and expand local food businesses



Greenwood Mushroom/Windmill
Farm – Scugog



Goal 2

Streamline the regulation and approval process for agri-food businesses



Goal 3

Enable and encourage agriculture related and on-farm diversified uses related to agriculture



THE
Sunflower
FARM
ESTABLISHED 2020



Goal 4

Recognize infrastructure is a key component of the agri-food system



Grain Terminal – Hamilton Oshawa
Port Authority (Oshawa Port)



Goal 5

Support businesses to increase agri-food processing capacity



Geissberger Farmhouse Cider –
Clarington



Goal 6

Identify opportunities and solutions for the workforce and labour shortages in the agri-food sector



Goal 7

Provide resources for aging and young farmers





Goal 8

Partner with agricultural organizations to deliver and expand agricultural literacy in the Region.



Aerial View – Clarington



Goal 9

Enable a culture of innovation in agriculture and food



Zac Cahoon – Chair, Durham
Agricultural Advisory Committee



Goal 10

Enhance Urban Agriculture

W. GALEN WESTON
CENTRE FOR FOOD

W. Galen Weston Centre for Food –
Durham College, Whitby Campus



Annual Reporting and Next Steps

- Annual reports to agri-food partners
- Ongoing implementation:
 - Gather at the Farm campaign
 - Agri-tech programming
 - On-farm diversification opportunities in collaboration with Scugog, Uxbridge and Brock



Ontario Agriculture Week

October 2 to 8, 2023

An annual celebration of the
commodities grown in Ontario
and those pivotal to our local food
production



Wilmont Orchards (Clarington)

Questions & Thank You!