



Growing Agri-Food Durham

5-Year Action Plan

Annual Update

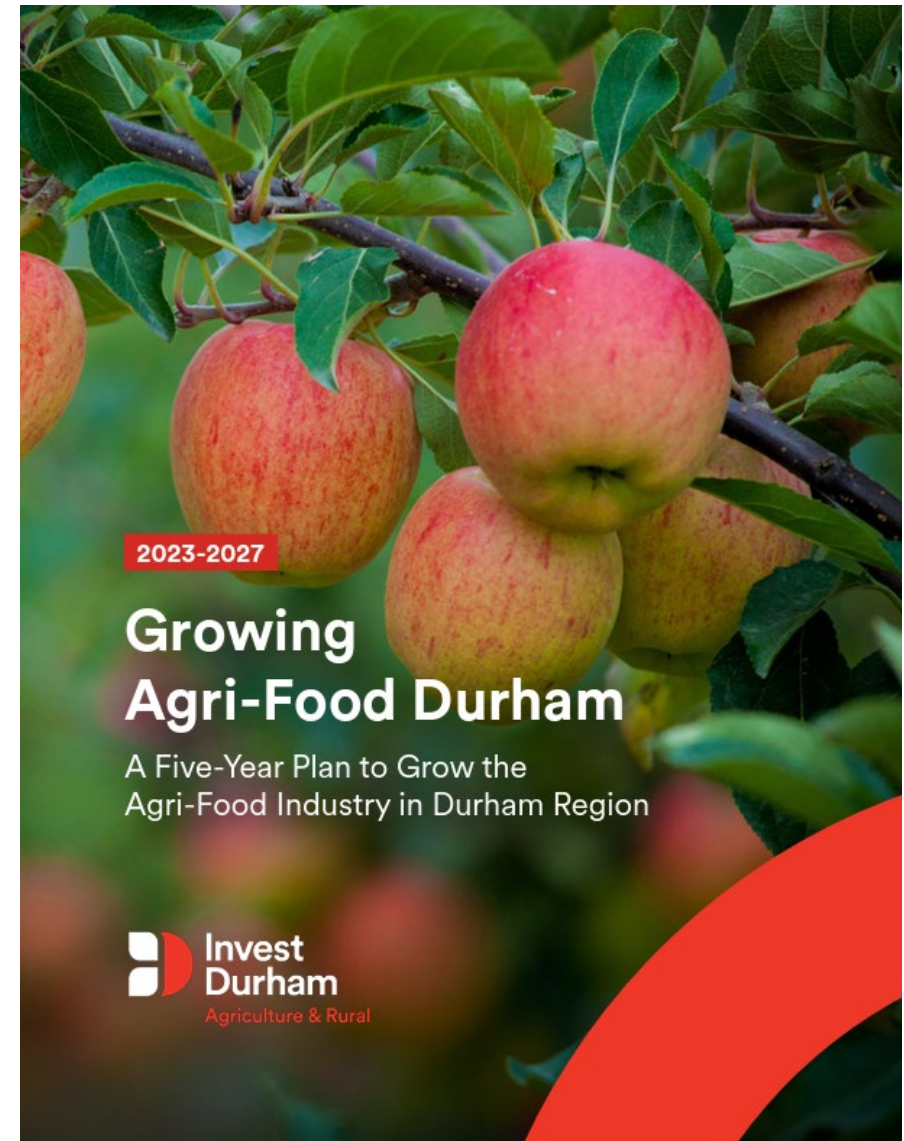
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Purpose

- Supporting plan of Ready Set Future: A Place Blueprint for Durham
- 5-year action focused document guides agriculture economic development activities of the Agriculture and Rural Section within the Region of Durham's Economic Development and Tourism Division





Goal Areas

1. Retain and expand agri-food businesses
2. Streamline regulations and approvals
3. Enable and encourage agriculture-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



A photograph of a large field of pumpkins, likely at a farm stand or market. The pumpkins are arranged in rows and are the central focus of the image. In the background, there is a building with a red roof and some people, but they are out of focus. The overall scene is autumnal and festive.

Goal 2

Streamline the regulation and approval process for agri-food businesses

A photograph of a farm scene. In the foreground, a wooden fence encloses a grassy area. Inside the fence, a pig is sitting on a wooden platform surrounded by pumpkins and hay. To the right, a blue wooden shed with a corrugated metal roof stands. In the background, there are several larger wooden buildings with corrugated metal roofs, a Swiss flag on a pole, and a few people walking around. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

Goal 3

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



Goal 4

Advocate for infrastructure support



Goal 5

Support businesses to increase agri-food processing capacity



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 agriculture organizations to deliver and expand agriculture literacy in the Region



Goal 9

Enable a culture of innovation in agriculture and food



Goal 10

Enhance urban agriculture



Annual Reporting and 2025 Priorities

- Annual reports to agri-food partners underway
- Key 2025 projects and activities
 - Enabling North Durham Agriculture-Related and On-Farm Diversified Uses
 - Agriculture Leadership Program
 - Secondary School Agriculture Career Tours (Culinary/Meat Cutting and Mechanics)
 - Precision Agriculture Field Day
 - Abattoir Investment Attraction



Questions & Thank you!