



# Ontario Beef

Providing Ontario Communities with Jobs & Longstanding Economic Activity



## \$2.99B GDP

Combining the revenue from primary production, processing and retail, the beef sector contributes \$2.99 billion to Ontario's GDP on an annual basis.



## 56,400 JOBS

Beef farming is important to the growth of families, businesses and communities, both rural and urban, by sustaining more than 56,400 jobs.



## \$909M EXPORTS

The value of Ontario beef exports exceeds \$909 million. Key markets: United States, Japan, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Vietnam & Taiwan.



## 19,000 FARMERS

There are 19,000 beef farmers who live on 12,730 beef farms, which are located in nearly every county, district and region of the province.



## 225,800 COWS

There are currently 225,800 beef cows in Ontario, which represents 6.5% of the Canadian cow herd.



## NO. 2 CATTLE FEEDING

Ontario is the second largest cattle feeding province in the country representing 16% of total fed cattle sales, followed by Alberta with 61%.



## \$2.47B SALES

Farm gate receipts of cattle and calves exceed \$2 billion, representing 11% of Ontario's farm cash receipts.



## 36 POUNDS

The average Canadian consumes 36 lb of beef per year. Few foods match beef's nutrient density, offering essential vitamins & minerals for modest calories.



## 1.9B TONNES

Grasslands used to produce beef help to sequester 1.9 billion tonnes of carbon in Canada. Land used for beef farming also supports critical habitat for wildlife.