Farms and Food Forever

Producing Prosperity
For Bruce County
Agriculture in Bruce County

Total Number of Farms
1,928 farms

Total Farmland Area
558,356 acres

Largest Farming Industry
Grain and Oilseed farming 599 farms

Major Field Crop
Soybeans 107,868 acres

Data source: OMAFRA Stats
Bruce Federation of Agriculture (BCFA)

- Formed in 1941 to work on a local level to represent the voice of the farmer in Ontario

- 1,539 Bruce County Members (2019)

- BCFA works to advance agriculture and the rural community through partnerships, education and advocacy

- Works with OFA to provide lobbying efforts and resources for local members
OFA – BCFA’s Provincial Affiliate

✓ Representing more than 38,000 farm families

✓ Advocate for farmers through government relations, farm policy recommendations and lobby efforts

✓ Support 52 county and regional federations

✓ Member Service Representatives to provide front-line service to members

✓ Farm policy research staff to keep on top of regulatory and legislative matters
2019 - BCFA within Bruce County

- Established closer ties to Bruce County
- Worked toward Improved Access to Natural Gas
- Natural Legacy Planning
- Farm Safety
- Mental Health - 2019 has brought challenging externalities
- (Farm Tax ratio vs Infrastructure)
Farm Tax Discussion

- In Bruce County Farmland Values has increased by 82%
- Once New Assessments Phase in 2020 % share of budget will almost double from 2016
- This is a nuanced discussion
- Ratio adjustment vs infrastructure investment
2020 in Bruce County

- Bruce County Federation supports OFA’s provincial priorities:
  - Natural Gas
  - Broadband
  - Schools
  - Transportation
- Land use Planning - Natural environment system, redefining CA’s
- Politicians Meeting - March 14th
Thank you for your continued support to Bruce County Agriculture!
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