

# Essex County Rural Guide 2009



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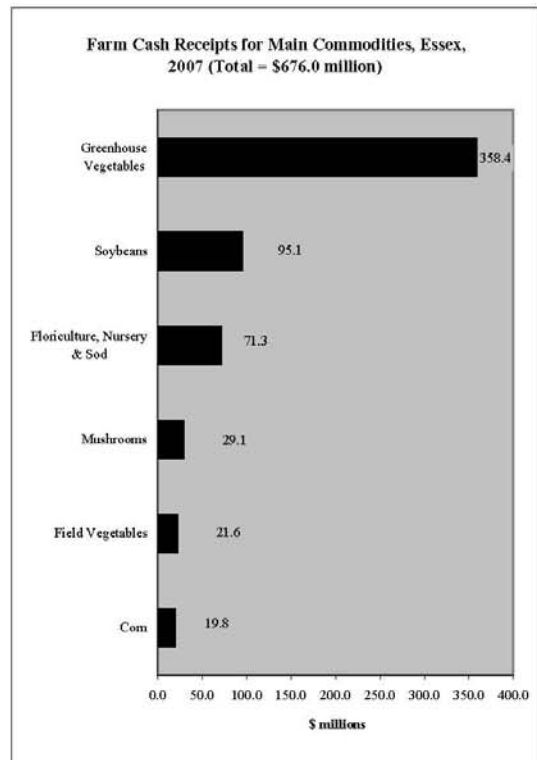
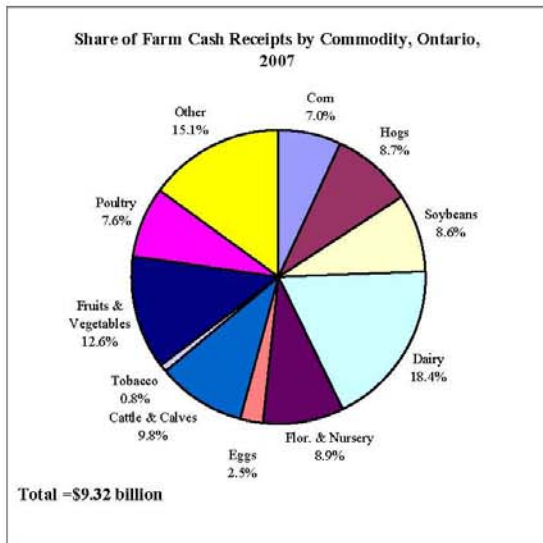
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Item	Essex	Province	Percent of province	Item	Essex	Province	Percent of province
<b>Farms, 2006 Census (number)</b>				<b>Major Field Crops, 2006 Census (hectares)</b>			
Total	1,740	57,211	3.04	Winter wheat	26,652	416,209	6.40
Reporting under 53 hectares	1,147	29,710	3.86	Oats for grain	265	53,399	0.50
Reporting 53 to 161 hectares	380	18,648	2.04	Barley for grain	16	89,447	0.02
Reporting 162 hectares and over	213	8,853	2.41	Mixed grains	151	70,194	0.22
<b>Land Use, 2006 Census (hectares)</b>				<b>Major Fruit Crops, 2006 Census (hectares)</b>			
Land in crops	124,190	3,660,941	3.39	Apples	641	8,162	7.85
Summerfallow land	54	11,895	0.45	Peaches	139	3,195	4.35
Tame or seeded pasture	862	303,400	0.28	Sour Cherries	x	1,030	-
Natural land for pasture	882	450,281	0.20	Raspberries	10	467	2.14
Christmas trees, woodland & wetland	3,405	750,355	0.45	Strawberries	32	1,717	1.86
All other land	4,063	209,581	1.94	Grapes	457	8,335	5.48
Total area of farms	133,456	5,386,453	2.48	Total fruit crops	1,383	25,780	5.36
<b>Greenhouse Area, 2006 Census (square metres)</b>				<b>Major Vegetable Crops, 2006 Census (hectares)</b>			
Total area under glass or plastic	5,494,164	11,760,576	46.72	Sweet corn	1,214	15,628	7.77
<b>Hired Farm Labour, 2006 Census (weeks)</b>				<b>Livestock Inventories, 2006 Census (number)</b>			
Year round	159,778	1,392,257	11.48	Dairy cows	910	329,737	0.28
Seasonal	91,712	878,920	10.43	Beef cows	998	377,354	0.26
Total	251,490	2,271,177	11.07	Steers	1,102	311,989	0.35
<b>Farm Capital Value, 2006 Census (farms reporting)</b>				<b>Total cattle and calves</b>			
Under \$200,000	120	4,226	2.84	Total pigs	36,151	3,950,592	0.92
\$200,000 to \$499,999	582	18,858	3.09	Total sheep and lambs	3,811	311,162	1.22
\$500,000 to \$999,999	444	16,803	2.64	<b>Poultry Inventories, 2006 Census (number)</b>			
\$1,000,000 and over	594	17,324	3.43	Total hens and chickens	149,994	44,101,552	0.34
<b>Total Gross Farm Receipts, 2006 Census (farms reporting)</b>				<b>Total turkeys</b>			
Under \$10,000	340	14,500	2.34		x	3,556,250	-
\$10,000 to \$24,999	341	10,828	3.15				
\$25,000 to \$49,999	265	7,397	3.58				
\$50,000 to \$99,999	231	6,521	3.54				
\$100,000 to \$249,999	207	7,965	2.60				
\$250,000 to \$499,999	138	5,589	2.47				
\$500,000 to \$999,999	85	2,745	3.10				
\$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999	68	1,098	6.19				
\$2,000,000 and over	65	568	11.44				
<b>Farms by Industry Group, 2006 Census (number of farms)</b>							
Dairy cattle and milk production	15	4,937	0.30				
Beef cattle ranching and farming	36	11,052	0.33				
Hog and pig farming	21	2,222	0.95				
Sheep and goat farming	7	1,365	0.51				
Poultry and egg production	15	1,700	0.88				
Other animal production	98	7,573	1.29				
Oilseed and grain farming	1,038	13,056	7.95				
Vegetable and melon farming	125	1,769	7.07				
Fruit and tree nut farming	96	1,892	5.07				
Greenhouse, nursery and floriculture	235	2,822	8.33				
Other crop farming	54	8,823	0.61				



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