



May 15, 2024

Re: Delegation by Barclay Nap, Wellington Federation of Agriculture regarding the Agri-Food System Study

At the May 1, 2024 Council Meeting, Council received a delegation from the Wellington Federation of Agriculture regarding the Agri-Food System Study. This presentation highlighted the importance of agriculture for local and regional food security, the environment, and society while balancing the growing community.

The study shows that Wellington County is more than a farming area but an economic powerhouse as it has generated \$2.8 billion to Canada's Gross Domestic Product (GDP). The County employs over 35,000 jobs and 6,000 full-time equivalent jobs in this sector. While Wellington County covers 0.2% of Ontario's land base and 3% of Ontario's total prime agricultural land, the County represents 5% of Ontario's agri-food industries total contribution of \$56 billion to Canada's GDP.

For more information and to watch the Wellington County's Agri-Food System video, please click here: [https://ai.invideo.io/watch/RT3Z\\_j9x8jb](https://ai.invideo.io/watch/RT3Z_j9x8jb). To view the System Study Report, please click here: <https://www.wfofa.on.ca/internal-documents/wellington-county-agri-food-system-study>.