

The Province of Ontario allows **3 categories of uses in the Province's prime agricultural areas.**

These general land-uses are dependent on the location, size, and the relationship to the property's farming operation.

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Agricultural Uses

Includes Crops, Livestock, Greenhouses, & Nurseries

2



Agriculture-Related Uses

Includes farm supply co-ops, farmer's market, farm equipment repair shops, wine and cider production, grain drying operations, & livestock auctions

3



On-Farm Diversified Uses

Bakeries, professional offices, health and wellness practitioners, small scale trades, seasonal tourism events related to the agricultural area (*petting zoo, corn maze, ziplining, wine tasting etc.*), and educational & commercial activities directly related to local farming.

Did you know?

77% of the lands in the County of Brant are considered prime agricultural land by the Province of Ontario. That is over 600 km² (That's just larger than the size of Prince Edward Island, or 6x the size of Disney World in Florida !)

To be considered an OFDU, the use must be:

- located on a farm,
- considered secondary to the agricultural use of the property,
- limited in scale/area, and
- compatible with the surrounding agricultural operations in a way that does not hinder them.

(Criteria for an OFDU - Provincial Policy Statement, 2020)

While this project focuses on OFDUs, we will be exploring how we can best protect and diversify the agricultural areas of the County of Brant.

**We need
your input !**

We're updating our agricultural land-use policies. OFDUs can be an important part of any agricultural area, helping farms branch out and add to their income potential. Have your say about how we can best:

- protect our agricultural land,
- promote valuable services outside our towns and villages,
- diversify our rural economy,
- create jobs, and
- help our rural communities continue to prosper