

Farm and Farm Industries



In 2006, there were 566 farms in the Region of Halton representing about 1% of the provincial total. Between 1996 and 2006, the number of farms has decreased by about 21%. Part of the decrease is the result of farm amalgamation. In fact, the average size of farm has increased from 151 acres in 1996 to 157 acres in 2006.

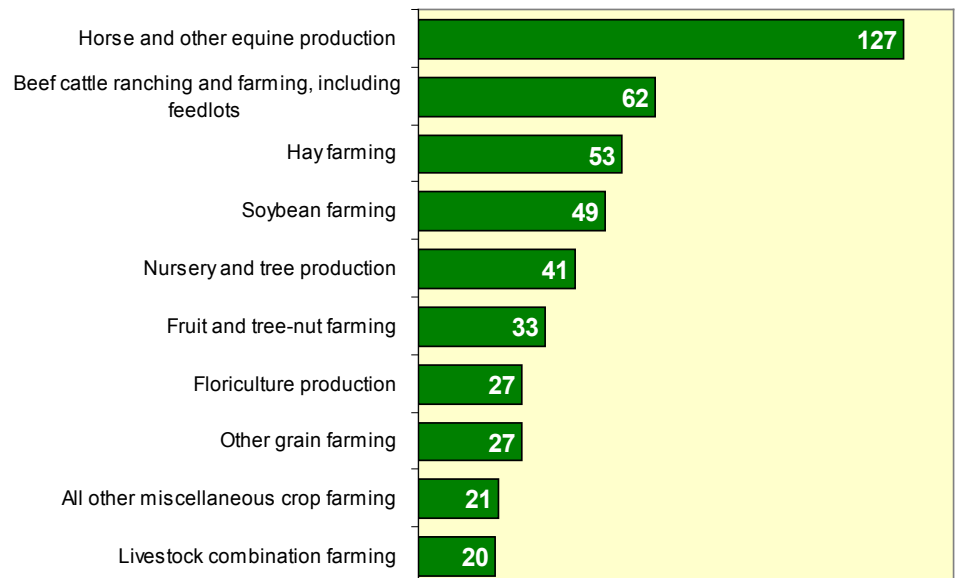
Over 80% of the farms are located in the two rural municipalities (Townships of Milton and Halton Hills).

Over half of the farms (53%) were engaged in crop production and the rest in animal

production. The most popular farm industry, in terms of the number of farms, is horse and other equine production. This industry, which includes establishments primarily engaged in raising horses, mules, donkeys and other equines, experienced a 20% increase in the number of farms since 2001. About half of the horse and equine production farms in the Region of Halton are located in the Township of Milton.

Although the beef cattle ranching and farming industry is the second top farm industry in the region, its number has decreased by over one-third since 2001.

**Number of farms by industries
Region of Halton, 2006**



Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census of Agriculture

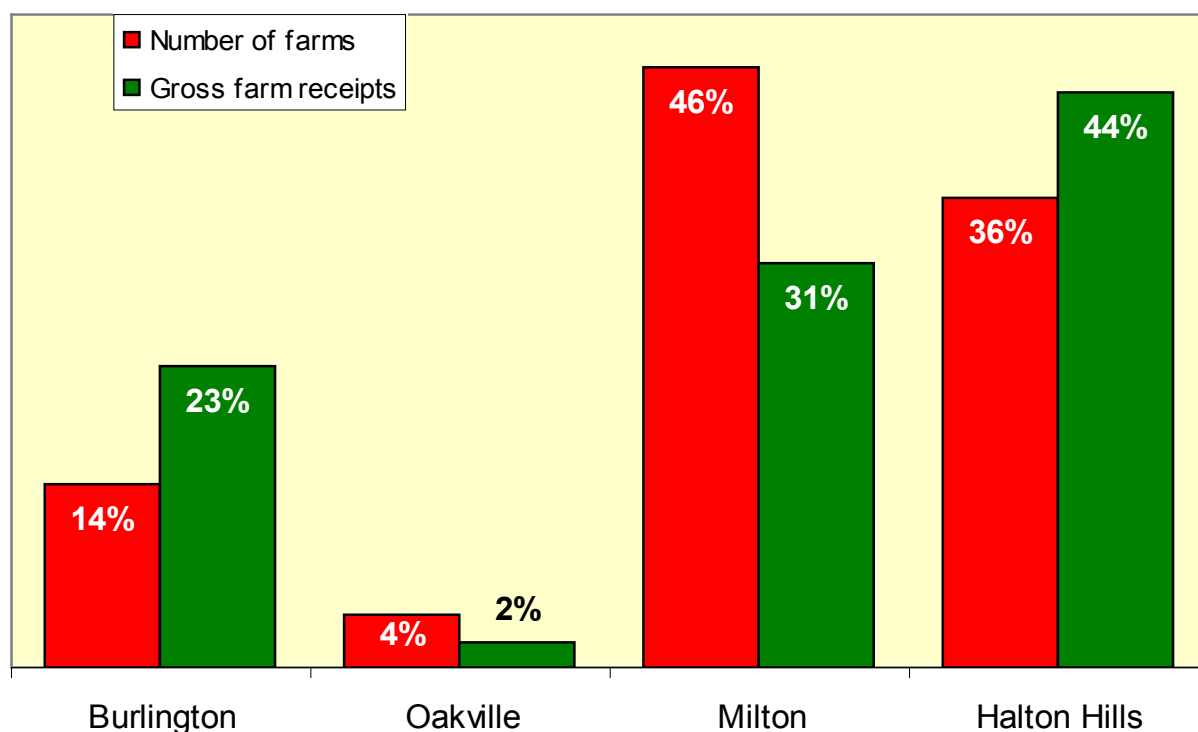
Gross Farm Receipts

The total gross farm receipts for 2006 were \$132 millions which was slightly higher (2.3%) than those in 1996. It includes all receipts for agricultural products sold, marketing board payments, program and rebate payments, GST refunds, dividends from co-operatives, receipts from custom work and all other farm receipts.

Nearly three quarters (74%) of the farms reported total gross farm receipts of less than \$100,000 for 2006. About one-third of the farms had receipts under \$10,000. On the other hand, a total of 17 farms reported receipts over \$1 million representing over 2% of the provincial total.

The Town of Milton with 46% of all farms in the region accounted for less than one-third (31%) of the gross farm receipts. Both The City of Burlington and the Town of Halton Hills reported a larger share of the farm receipts than their shares of the number of farms within the region.

Proportion of number of farms and gross farm receipts by municipalities, Region of Halton, 2006



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