

Organic Farming Grows Rural Economies

From stable jobs to thriving local businesses, organic agriculture keeps rural communities strong.



More Jobs Per Farm Revenue

Local farms, including organic and CSA operations, create about **13 full-time jobs per \$1 million in revenue**, outpacing conventional operations by nearly 3 to 1



High Labour Demand

Organic farms typically require **20-30% more labour than conventional farms**, creating year-round employment and local skills development



Economic Multiplier Effect

Every \$1 spent at a local or organic farm **generates \$1.80-\$2.60 of economic activity within the community** through jobs, processing, and spending at related businesses.



Organic Sector Growth

Canada's organic market reached a value of over \$9 billion, supporting small farms and rural jobs nationwide.

How **Organic** Strengthens Rural Economies



Employment & Workforce Stability

Organic farms rely on hands-on management and skilled labour; **supporting year-round employment for local workers.**



Value-Added Processing Growth

Diverse revenue streams, from direct sales and CSA memberships to partnerships with restaurants and food hubs, help organic farms **generate higher local returns.**



Improved Farm Viability

By reducing reliance on costly synthetic inputs and focusing on soil health and system efficiency, **organic farms can improve long-term profitability and resilience.**



Agritourism & Rural Attraction

Organic farms often serve as hubs for on-farm markets, events, and food tourism, **bringing outside dollars into rural regions and supporting surrounding businesses.**