

Horse News and Views



Results of the 2006 Census of Agriculture are now available. Horse numbers are up a whopping 16.7% since the previous 2001 Census and 28% in the past 10 years. Previous research by Wright and Cation in 1996 indicates that the Census of Agriculture underestimates the actual number of horses in Ontario by a factor of approximately 3.9. This would translate to an increase in the number of horses in Ontario of approximately 54,000 horses over the past four years. Ontario's horse population is estimated at 379,412.

The counties with the highest horse population, in descending order, are:

| County or Regional Municipality | Estimated Number of Horses 2001 | Estimated Number of Horses 2006 | % change |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|
| Wellington County | 18,293 | 27,530 | +50.5% |
| Grey County | 14,005 | 21,754 | +55.3% |
| Simcoe County | 14,581 | 19,516 | +33.8% |
| Durham Reg. Mun. | 18,341 | 18,147 | -1.1% |
| Waterloo Reg. Mun. | 15,017 | 17,636 | +17.4% |
| York Reg. Mun. | 19,544 | 16,735 | -14.4% |
| Middlesex County | 17,152 | 16,684 | -2.7% |
| Bruce County | 9,546 | 13,549 | +41.9% |
| Huron County | 8,171 | 12,890 | +57.8% |
| Perth County | 9,430 | 12,780 | +35.5% |

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