



# ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21

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As the Ontario dairy industry faced a second year of the COVID-19 pandemic, the “just-in-time” partnerships, efficiencies and solutions put in place in response to unprecedented consumer demand were strengthened and refined. DFO continued to work ahead and look beyond, keeping its commitments and moving at pace with the goals set out in the Strategic Plan.

Ontario's dairy farmers were rewarded for their commitment to managing supply with strong growth in demand. This growth is an expression of public confidence in the quality and sustainability of local milk and dairy products.

Our dairy sector finished the year with a clarity of purpose and resolve that will strengthen the Canadian dairy system for years to come.



# 3,343

dairy farms produced  
milk in Ontario

**99%** of Ontario producers are  
registered under proAction, the  
national quality assurance program



**100.1%**  
of quota  
requirements  
met by P5 dairy  
farmers, right-  
sizing supply with  
market demand in  
spite of continued  
supply chain  
fluctuations

# 10,000+

farmers and their families are supported by dairy farming in Ontario



**1.4% growth**  
in Ontario production  
on a volume basis



**16 grants**  
awarded to Start Up/  
Scale Up participants



**78 plants**  
received milk  
from Ontario dairy  
producers



**16.6%**  
of Ontario producers  
received gold-level Raw  
Milk Quality certificates,  
a YOY increase of 3.2%



**3,331**  
initial Grade A inspections  
were conducted in 2020-  
21 – an increase of 18.3%



**1,207,392**  
litres of milk donated  
by local dairy farmers  
to Ontario food banks



# 3,118,147,815

litres of fresh milk shipped in 2020-21

# \$2,496,223,698

farmgate value of milk sales

**7+ billion**  
GDP contribution by the  
Ontario dairy sector

**99 producers**  
entered the industry  
through NEQAP  
since 2010



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