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PARTNERS IN
YOUR SUCCESS

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PRODUCTION

BWG SECTOR
PROFILES 2022

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BWG is home to the renowned Holland Marsh, some of the most fertile land in Canada. Generations of family operations and experience, and proximity to a large domestic market are the foundations of BWG's food production sector. BWG is home to 117 agricultural businesses and industry leaders such as Maple Leaf Farms and Gwillimdale Farms.

The Holland March Growers Association (HMGA) represents the 125 farms in this unique agricultural cluster of 7,000 acres of prime agricultural land, 125 farms and a host of supporting storage, packing and processing operations. The HMGA estimates the total economic impact of the Holland March at over \$1B annually.

HMGA and its members partner with government, academic institutions and industry associations to support the growers and packers on research and special projects such as irrigation, soil health and waste reduction.

The Bradford co-op has been a vital partner to area vegetable growers and greenhouse operators providing knowledge, support and advice to area farmers for over 75 years.

HOLLAND MARSH MAP



AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION HIGHLIGHTS



\$105 M

HORTICULTURAL
CROP VALUE



\$29.8 M

CARROT
PRODUCTION



\$20.9 M

ONION
PRODUCTION



\$32 M

GREENHOUSE
AGRICULTURE



\$80 M

VALUE ADDED STORAGE,
PACKING & PROCESSING

BWG BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: GWILLIMDALE FARMS

Nearly 150 years has passed since the first member of the Hambly family set up their farmstead in the Holland Marsh. Over the decades, the family business has grown, diversified, thrived, adapted and innovated. Today's Gwillimdale Farms is a leading producer within BWG's agribusiness community.

This longevity and success are due to the family's continued adherence to core ethical values, superior service and a commitment to excellence in the quality of every vegetable cultivated. Every day, approximately 250,000 pounds of carrots, onions, potatoes, beets and parsnips are processed in Gwillimdale's cleaning/packaging plant, distributed through the Ontario Food Terminal, as well as directly to large retail partners such as Longo's and Metro.

Year round, Gwillimdale employs 75 people, all of whom are trained in the latest tools, techniques and technologies of food production to ensure maximum efficiency.



**“WE ALWAYS HAVE OUR
CHALLENGES, BUT THE TOWN
OF BWG IS ALWAYS THERE.
WE ALL SUPPORT ONE
ANOTHER - THAT’S THE KEY.
YOU HAVE TO SUPPORT EACH
OTHER, AND YOU HAVE TO
KEEP MOVING FORWARD.”
- CRISTINA HAMBLY,
GWILLIMDALE FARMS**

A LOCATION BUILT ON OPPORTUNITY.

Build, work and grow in a location built on opportunity. BWG offers producers and packagers easy access to Highway 400 and Ontario's transportation network. Lots of varying sizes, many with highway frontage are available now.

LOCATION	DISTANCE (KM/MILES)
TORONTO, ON	53KM 33M
BARRIE, ON	32KM 20M
OTTAWA, ON	338KM 210M
MONTREAL, QC	499KM 310M
NEW YORK, NY	595KM 370M
CHICAGO, IL	702KM 436M

Location

Located at the top of the GTA, BWG is ideally positioned for ease of access to your customers, suppliers and staff.

- Available development sites with immediate access to Highway 400
- Highway 400-404 connecting link underway
- A quick 30-minute drive to Pearson International Airport

Room to grow

- Highway 400 Employment Lands: *800 acres*
- Artesian Industrial Park: *280 acres*
- Reagens Industrial Park: *165 acres*

Help along the way

- Development approvals assistance
- Investment incentives
- Community data
- Connections and community networks



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