

Academic Coalition for Viable Farming in Southern Ontario



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“We believe that if properly designed and enacted, the Markham Foodbelt will become one of Canada’s most innovative sustainability initiatives and will also set an extremely valuable example to ensure the protection of Canada’s agricultural communities and greatly increase the viability of farming in Ontario.”



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Government and residents can support farmers to make a decent living. Several options exist:

- **Public agricultural land trusts**
- **Farm compensation funds**
- **Municipal taxation reduction**
- **Supporting markets for local food**



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- **Need Co-operation among municipal, provincial and federal levels of government**
- **Farmers, academics, Markham residents and Markham staff can work together to develop a strong strategy to protect**
- **Markham Foodbelt lands and that benefits the agricultural and urban communities**

