



Green...

- Small town, rural charm
- Friendly, caring people
- Ferguson Forest Centre
- Trails: 150 km of them
- Limerick Forest
- University of Guelph-Kemptville Campus
- Agro-Forestry Centre
- Roundabouts
- Rideau Heritage Route
Rideau Canal/South Branch
- Ryan's Well
- Farmers' Market
- Canadian Model Forest Network
- Eastern Ontario Model Forest
- New Official Plan includes sustainable growth strategies:
 - Protection of wetlands
 - Reduced reliance on automobiles
 - Protection of groundwater resources
 - Sustainable forestry & agricultural practices

The right location for Green and Growing businesses!

Eastern Ontario is an agricultural centre of production and innovation – and North Grenville is at the heart of eastern Ontario. According to Statistics Canada census data, eastern Ontario represented 28% of Ontario's dairy farms and 26% of hay and other fodder crop farms in 2001. The North Grenville area itself experiences the highest farm gate sales on a per acre basis, at \$315.

Existing industries within the agricultural sector include Eastern Breeders Inc. (EBI), representing one of North Grenville's most profitable operations with annual sales upwards of \$5 million. EBI and its three partner organizations across Canada own The Semex Alliance (TSA), a renowned leader in developing and marketing elite dairy and beef genetics around the world. Combined, the organizations market over 7 million doses of bovine semen worth more than \$70M annually domestically and internationally.



The Ferguson Forest Centre (FFC) also represents a significant and long-standing green component of North Grenville. The FFC produces 2.5 million tree seedlings per year and serves much of eastern Ontario's landscaping and reforestation demands. Recently, Ferguson Forest Centre has partnered with the State University of New York to research growth rates of various species of trees for biomass production.

The University of Guelph's Kemptville Campus consisting of 800 acres of farming and equine land further reinforces the importance of the agricultural industry in North Grenville. Recent expansions to the Kemptville Campus include a state-of-the-art Dairy Education and Research centre and the development of a new dairy barn with robotic milking system. The new system is expected to exceed current industry standards and be adaptable to future developments in dairy production and herd management technology. The Kemptville Campus is the first University Campus in Canada to offer a Bachelor's Degree in Bio-Resource Management majoring in Equine Management.

"Based in Kemptville, we serve the dairy and beef breeders of Eastern Ontario and most of the Maritime provinces. In the past three years, EBI has built two state-of-the-art sire facilities worth close to \$2M."

Paul R. Stewart, Communications and Genetic Programs Supervisor, Eastern Breeders Inc.



Eastern Breeders Inc.

Agricultural Tech

"Kemptville Campus has a long-standing tradition of training in the agri-food sector. Today, we offer unique training opportunities for those seeking careers in the equine industry, including Canada's first Applied Bachelor Degree in Equine Management. Kemptville Campus also serves the dynamic and fast growing demands of the food industry by training qualified workers in the areas of nutrition and health. Our apprenticeships and full-time trade programs also provide excellent education in high-demand sectors."

Dr. Renée Bergeron, Director
University of Guelph - Kemptville
Campus



< University of Guelph's Kemptville Campus provide training to support a growing equine industry.



< Ferguson Forest Centre supplied 2.5 million trees to the landscaping and reforestation industry in 2009

Technology and consumer demand are changing the face of agriculture and ag-business in Ontario. North Grenville is responding to these changes by supporting, promoting and attracting agri-business operations.

Some of the support resources available in North Grenville include:

- Ontario Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) has offices here in Kemptville. Contact them through their Agricultural Information Contact Centre.
- University of Guelph – Kemptville Campus offers its AgriBusiness eCampus: a web-based national resource centre for agribusiness management and entrepreneurship knowledge and information. It also offers a course in marketing organically produced and processed products.
- Eastern Ontario Model Forest offers programs and workshops to develop new ways to sustain and manage forest resources.

North Grenville's abundant agricultural land is suitable for agri-businesses such as feed mill or seed cleaning operations, livestock assembly points, grain drying, animal husbandry, storage of farm produce, abattoirs, custom machinery operators and smaller farms interested in catering to the growing local and organic food market. In attracting new business to the area, North Grenville hopes to promote farm practices that encourage the conservation of surface and groundwater resources, aquatic habitat, woodlands, wetlands, wildlife habitat and natural features.

