

## Rural Priorities

1. What part of Ontario are you from?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Eastern Ontario	40.2%	82
Southwestern Ontario	36.3%	74
Central Ontario	17.6%	36
Northeastern Ontario	4.4%	9
Northwestern Ontario	1.5%	3
<i>answered question</i>		<b>204</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>1</b>

2. Are you an employee or affiliated with any one of the following organization types....		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Private sector - business or business association, including ag/farm sector	33.3%	60
Community based non-profit/charitable sector	36.1%	65
Province wide non-profit/charitable sector	11.7%	21
Municipal government	21.7%	39
Broader public sector - e.g. regional agency, university, hospital	8.3%	15
Provincial government - ministry or agency	5.6%	10
Federal government - department or agency	0.0%	0
<i>answered question</i>		<b>180</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>25</b>

3. Rank each topic below on a scale of 1 to 5 with respect to how much of a priority this matter should have with respect to the rural communities you are most familiar with. A ranking of 1 signifies you believe it is of the highest priority and a ranking of 5 suggests it is a low priority. Select N/A if you believe the matter is not currently an issue needing attention or action in your rural community

NOTE: these are sorted based on the combined ratings of "one" and "two"

Answer Options	One - highest priority	Two	Three	Four	Five - lowest priority	Not a priority	Response Count
Job opportunities	104	54	21	12	5	3	199
Healthcare: access to quality medical services nearby	90	59	27	11	5	4	195
Youth employment/underemployment	93	53	32	14	3	4	198
Services for aging population: aging in place/home	68	71	34	10	6	3	192
The cost of electric power	95	43	37	9	7	4	195
Farmland loss/farmland protection	83	53	26	13	12	7	194
Developing local food systems	76	54	33	17	9	7	195
Water quality in lakes, streams, rivers	71	58	42	9	12	3	194
Fiscal stability at the municipal level	63	65	40	18	3	4	192
Skills training - access to post-secondary programs	57	61	48	15	7	6	194
Water quantity/supply for drinking, irrigation	58	57	35	25	13	8	195
Improved broadband services - higher speed, wider	63	50	41	14	17	7	192
Poverty and income disparity	64	48	40	27	10	7	195
Food security	68	42	43	18	14	9	194
Land use planning: sprawl, urbanization, growth	61	48	42	22	13	6	192
Environmental sustainability - community design, efficiency,	63	45	48	14	14	10	194
Entrepreneurship development	57	50	49	22	9	7	194
Health promotion, active living and availability of recreational	57	49	47	22	11	9	194
Renewable sources of our energy	59	46	41	18	17	9	190
Support for primary industries e.g. mining, farming, forestry	53	51	52	20	10	7	191
Youth retention	43	61	52	20	9	11	195
Improving local road and bridge infrastructure	46	55	50	26	7	7	191
Tourism promotion	37	55	47	37	13	7	195
Housing affordability	46	45	52	27	14	11	194
Performance of key economic sectors - e.g. manufacturing	37	53	62	19	11	8	190
Climate change - adaptation	44	46	39	34	20	12	195
Natural heritage protection and loss of species	52	36	47	29	16	13	192
Providing better public transportation services	44	42	41	34	14	19	194
Addictions and/or mental illness	40	44	57	30	12	11	194
Regulatory burden on the private sector	35	45	43	31	20	14	187
Invasive species	35	45	54	33	20	8	193
Primary/secondary education - busing times, school	32	46	62	27	15	13	193
Access to childcare	37	40	53	23	22	19	194
Newcomer attraction	25	51	45	31	18	22	192
Lake levels	24	46	50	36	23	14	193
Investment in provincial highways	26	42	64	26	18	12	188
Resource management policies - e.g. gravel pit/quarry	27	40	59	31	24	12	193
Volunteerism - civic engagement	24	35	67	30	21	14	191
Improving local sewer and water infrastructure	22	31	54	29	19	40	194
Crime - law enforcement	23	29	60	46	25	13	195
Other - please explain below...	36	1	3	0	3	15	58
<i>answered question</i>							<b>205</b>
<i>skipped question</i>							<b>0</b>

**Other (please specify)**

Connecting link funding

Things in the city do NOT pertain to the farmers. Why do we have to pay for buses or sewers. Do city people pay to drill our wells or our septic systems for example.

Rural Ontario's infrastructure deficit, downloading of costs to the lower tier governments, too much control from Queens Park (need for local autonomy), too many tax dollars going to upper tier and Provincial departments.

farmers need more government backing, municipalities are having too much money taken away from them through OMPF, link program, and it is being downloaded onto the tax payers, this should not be happening

Your survey was a challenge...too many question to prioritize. Next time try grouping them better as I lost track and now question my own answers. Sorry but maybe you should have tested it to a small sample first.

policy that enable growth of rural social enterprise and rural small business

transparency, accountability of municipal governments

Stop creating expensive bureaucracies - Source Water Protection Program; Emergency Management; Community Policing Advisory Committees - using costly sledgehammers to kill houseflies

uploading of provincial services instead of downloading on municipalities

No Wind Turbines in Rural Ontario

access to natural gas in the country/ cost of energy

Child poverty needs to be addressed

An integrated and bundled approach to some of the above would help to achieve some measurable targets for success

I do not support mining exploitation as in "Ring of Fire". "Water Quantity" question is somewhat leading. Water is a precious commodity and protection of both quality and quantity are very important. Object to Fracking, and mining and water export that seriously depletes our water resources. Xplornet is not my choice for reliable internet..

Stop development of industrial wind turbines.

Government accountability and recourse

Stop the Wind Farms

Stop the wind turbines!

province needs to stop focusing exclusively on large organizations just it is more convenient

1. Learn from Greece, Spain, Portugal and Italy. See where expectations of more pay for same service or product provided gets you. 2. It's time to make up our minds what role we want the Great Lakes to play for us; functional sewage treatment plant or out-of-control sewage treatment plant. 3. Time to split off city of Toronto from the rest of the province. They're destroying the rest of the province by virtue of ignorance. Ontario ex-Toronto needs to be a separate province, in control of its own destiny.

Stop the industrialization of farmland with wind turbine developments and mass solar projects.

#1 is a focus on entrepreneurship - - starting at least in Grade 9 and #2 is an ongoing focus on a wide-ranging across-the-community on-going program on development leadership skills

Placing of Wind Turbines too close to residences& IBAs

stop wind turbines near people's homes and important bird populations

Stop industrial wind turbines in communities, Important Bird Areas and sensitive environments. Save our landscape!

More tax equality; fewer business deductions, higher taxes on profits; download taxation powers to third level

Food literacy and its effect on the health budget

urban sprawl, commuter volumes & times, gridlock

Fostering an interest in municipal/provincial/federal affairs

High Speed Rail: I don't ever want to be told I live in a backwards country by foreign dignitaries again.

Using the precautionary principle in restoring health to bees and other pollinators

Public partici a mus in all local municipal level planning decisions

Stop the exceptions to "Places to Grow". Rural Ontario is being ruined by unnecessary development at the expense of our farms.

Fewer layers of Inefficient municipal government... too many employees (e.g. all 9 sections of Huron County have PLANNER... why?)

stop the wind turbines!

Jobs, Jobs, Jobs!

gas prices

Toronto must start to recognize and improve rural Ontario, not just give everything to the cities.

access to relevant post secondary programs - Kemptville college

#1 priority is retaining & improving the RMP

Recognition of the NFP Sector & its contributions to rural Ontario

social enterprise development - resilience assessment, investment and finance for supportint local businesses and social enterprises, procurement strategies to buy local

The Provincial Policy Statement needs to provide direction for County Planners to allow Municipalities more autonomy when it comes to land use and development. It is very important for municipalities in the Canadian Shield to not be tied to "urban" planning concepts as they rely very heavily on the economic impact of recreational land use.

Thanks for asking!

Plan for agriculture expansion in the north