

Koert Organics

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1st Year in Commercial
Production



Total Acreage:

Acres in Organic Production: 3

Certification: Eco-cert

Crops: 150 different varieties of fruits and vegetables

Livestock:

Value-added products: CSA

Equipment:

On-farm facilities: building a root cellar and acquiring a greenhouse for season extension

Labor: self

Weeks/year in production: ~ 44

Total weeks making sales: ~ 44

Markets: CSA, Blyth, Bayfield

Special expertise:

Farm Story: The farm I am growing on is my Uncle Francis van Drunen's land. Before that my grandparents owned the land since 1963. I grew up on a farm and last year worked on three different organic farms in south-western Ontario. I have attended various workshops on market gardening, composting, organic certification, and two courses with Farm Start. I have also worked as a chef for six years and in construction doing framing and building barns.

It has been an exciting 1st year. I am learning new tricks and techniques everyday. There always seems to be an easier way to do any particular task, and I am perfecting my set up and skills all the time.