



OTTAWA VALLEY FOOD CO-OPERATIVE

Annual Report For 2025



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A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Hi OVFC Members!

Another year has passed for the Ottawa Valley Food Cooperative. We're fortunate to live in a beautiful area filled with an abundance of healthy food, nature, and producers who work incredibly hard to keep us all fed. Thank you for being a member of the coop and helping this important organization continue to operate for all of us.

This year was similar to years past, where we were able to operate through a combination of the funds we raise through sales and a couple of important fundraisers run by volunteers. It's our goal to grow the OVFC to a place where it is more financially sustainable. Unlike many nonprofits, we're fortunate to have an economic engine that includes producers, members, products, and sales, and the ability to directly impact our finances in a tangible way.

The coop has a rich history that's been driven by so many passionate people and volunteers, and we're grateful for the support. We understand that our success moving forward relies on the relationships and support that have been present since the beginning of the OVFC. As we approach another year, we will continue to bring you incredible local products and a dedication to making the coop amazing for every member. Thank you for being here!

Amanda Hudson
President, Board of Directors, OVFC



OUR MISSION and VISION

To connect local producers and consumers through a marketing network in the Ottawa Valley for locally grown or processed foods and other locally made products.



We support our mission and vision by providing farm-to-neighborhood access to local food and products, benefiting the local economy, building food security and sustainable agricultural practices.



We inspire healthier, economically viable communities by connecting people to real food and products.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2025 AT A GLANCE



3

outreach /
fundraiser
events

50+

volunteers

8346

products
delivered

37 new

consumer
members

\$107,224

2025 Total
Sales

2 new

producer
members

PROGRAM UPDATES

In addition to continuing to provide local food and products to our members, we participated in local events to help raise funds and build awareness of the benefits of local food to consumers, producers, the environment and to the local economy. Some examples:

Paula's Cookbook



We held a successful sale of 200 cookbooks that honoured Paula's memory and her love of cooking healthy local foods. With the help of Claire Lepine and Paula's family, we raised almost \$3000 for the OVFC.

Farms Open

For the fourth successful year, local farms and rural businesses opened their gates to tourists keen to see live demonstrations, and to taste and to learn what the local economy has to offer. This event is now sponsored by MRC Pontiac.



Tasting Table



We participated in a Tasting Table at the Beachburg Fair. Our booth handed out delicious local food samples and products from local producers were showcased to promote local and healthy food.

Donation Campaign

In the fall, we asked members and friends to make a donation to the OVFC. Thanks to our very generous donors, we raised \$3200.



OUR FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

We finished the year with a small operating loss. Our orders this year were slightly lower than 2024. Our costs for rent, banking fees, mileage and supplies all increased. We held a number of events that helped us offset most of our delivery day operating costs. For 2026 we will need to focus on increasing revenues while continuing to manage our costs.

Statement of Operations: Revenue/Expense Dec 31 2025			
		<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Revenues			
	Operating \$		Operating \$
Revenue from Operations			
Order Commissions		\$20,618	\$22,525
Membership fees		\$2,050	\$2,150
Donations		\$826	\$1,646
Event Revenue/Other		\$3,987	\$3,886
Cook Book Sales		2960	
Total Operating Revenue		\$30,441	\$30,207
Expenses			
Delivery Day/Operations		\$24,541	\$24,343
Other Activities & Events		\$1,107	\$949
Administration		\$5,078	\$5,009
Total expenses		\$30,726	\$30,301
Excess of Revenues Over Expenses		-\$285	-\$483

Statement of Financial Position 2025		
	2025	2024
ASSETS		
Cash	\$8495	\$9,650
Accounts Receivable	\$785	\$752
Prepaid Expenses	\$836	\$828
	\$10,116	\$11,230
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	\$1,694	\$1,573
Deferred Contributions - Grant/Donations	\$1,409	\$2,309
Deferred Contributions - Gift Certificates	\$350	\$400
	\$4,282	\$4,282
FUND BALANCES (Equity)		
Retained Earnings (Previous Year)	\$6,948	\$7,042
Current Earnings/(loss)	-\$285	-\$94
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	\$6,663	\$6,948
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u>\$10,118</u>	<u>\$11,230</u>



OUR TEAM

Our Volunteers

There were over 50 volunteers who helped out the OVFC in 2025. Most worked at the distribution locations. Others drove, wrote, helped us to move, managed volunteers and coordination and managed our social media.

Our Board of Directors

The board of directors was made up of 8 directors in 2025 as follows:

Producers

- Lynne Epps

Consumers

- Perri-Rae Boell
- Neil Douglas
- Amanda Hudson (president)
- Joanne McManus (treasurer)
- Cameron Montgomery
- Mike Steeves
- Chris Tanner (secretary)

Our Key Support and Donors

Cheryl Keetch (Coordinator)

Katrina Medush (Facebook Marketing and Communications)

Connie Matthews-Cull (Newsletter)

Lynne Epps (Volunteer Coordinator)

Perri-Rae Boell, Co-operators Insurance (Donations)

Without the tremendous commitment from our volunteers, board and staff the OVFC would not be possible. It really is a team effort!

A special shout out to Perri-Rae Boell/ Co-operators Insurance for her generous support to the OVFC





THANK YOU!

From the beginning, it's been our mission to support local farmers, producers, consumers and our local communities. We strive to provide consumers with sustainably grown/made, ecologically friendly and healthy products.

Today, thanks to our incredible community of generous volunteers, producer members and consumers, we are continuing to support the needs of local consumers. From our first delivery day in March 2008 we have grown from a handful of members to the success story that we are today.

We are grateful for the lessons we've learned over the years that make us stronger today. And we are more determined than ever to see the day when everyone, everywhere, has access to locally produced sustainable, eco-friendly foods and products

Here's to the next 18 years!

