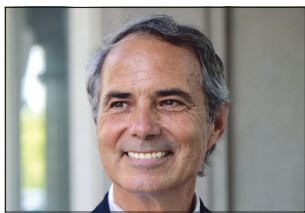


# SUPPORT OUR LOCAL FARMERS AND MARKETS

HALTON'S AGRICULTURE COMMUNITY NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT MORE THAN EVER, WRITES GARY CARR



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Column

There are many local food destinations to explore in Halton, and it's a great time to visit or shop at agri-businesses in our community.

From apple orchards, corn mazes and pumpkin patches to prepared meals and handmade products, there's lots of fresh food, goods and fun to enjoy.

Halton's farms and markets offer something for everyone, and they need our support more than ever — as they continue to feel the impacts of COVID-19.

Planning your agri-venture or learning about what's in season is easy with our Simply Local online map. Visit from your computer, tablet or smartphone to find:

- farmers' markets;
- farms with fresh produce and seasonal activities;
- equestrian activities;
- nurseries and garden centres;
- tourist information;
- and more

You can also sign up for our Simply Local eNewsletter to receive updates on seasonal produce, recipes and upcoming events.

Local businesses have been resilient and adapted or enhanced their services

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so you can experience our agricultural community as safely as possible.

In addition to introducing public health measures, more agri-businesses now offer online purchases, home delivery and curbside pickup of fresh produce and products.

Please continue to follow public health guidance and any additional measures in place while visiting farms, markets and other destinations in Halton, and continue to be kind and respectful of these important measures.

For more information about public health directions and how to stay safe while exploring our community, please visit [halton.ca/COVID19](http://halton.ca/COVID19).

Buying local is not only a healthy choice, it also helps protect the natural environment by reducing your carbon footprint and strengthens our regional economy.

By supporting our local farmers and agri-businesses and doing so safely, we help keep Halton a great place to live, work, raise a family and retire. To learn more about agriculture in Halton, search for "Simply Local" on [halton.ca](http://halton.ca) or use the OneHalton app.

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## INVESTING FOR SUCCESS EASIER THAN PLAYING BALL

ODDS OF FINANCIAL GAINS MUCH MORE FAVOURABLE THAN ON THE DIAMOND, WRITES PETER WATSON



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Column

Let's compare success with investing to playing baseball.

In baseball, the most important aspect is hitting the ball and running safely to first base, or further.

Baseball is a game of statistics. These athletes successfully hit the ball and get on base about one time for every four at bats.

That's close to the batting average our Blue Jays achieved this year after the first quarter of the season, similar to when they last

vesting may happen 75 per cent of the time. Investors can learn a bit about investing and patience from what happens to the Blue Jays.

A manager doesn't bench an athlete for striking out two or three times in a game. Winning takes patience.

Investing victories are not guaranteed, and don't happen every year. That is why it's recommended that investors take a long-term perspective.

won the World Series.

In statistical terms, success is three times more likely with investing than playing baseball.

We will define success and failure with investing as whether the market returns are positive or negative for the year.

Over the last century, the S&P 500 posted annual gains about three out of every four years.

Success with baseball may happen 25 per cent of the time. Success with in-

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