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Rooted in Regeneration

Nestled in the scenic countryside of Mitchell, Ontario, Greenbelt Farm embraces a regenerative farming approach that views the land not simply in terms of acreage, but as a living ecosystem interconnected through the depth of its soil, the airspace used by birds and pollinators, and the hedgerows that link woodlots and wild spaces. The land is metapopulation dynamics theory in real practice where every aspect of the farm is seen as part of a larger web of life.

John Drummond, third-generation owner of the land and life-long farmer, believes the essence of farming is to nurture life, and to ultimately leave the land better than we found it. John brings over 60 years of lived experience to his work, blending knowledge with a long-term commitment to ecological restoration.

One branch of Greenbelt Farm is the nursery, which, after 36 years as a full-line garden centre, now focuses on growing young trees, mostly native, from seeds and cuttings to support land rehabilitation efforts. While the retail storefront has stepped back from regular hours, John continues to serve as a trusted information resource for homeowners, conservation groups, and municipalities.

The other element of the operation are the Devon cattle. They are a rare, heritage livestock known for their strength, resilience, and soil-building impact. Greenbelt Farm is home to 70 of the roughly 100 Devon cattle in Canada, making Perth County home to the country's largest and most significant herd. The cattle are managed through regenerative grazing practices that restore pasturelands and cycle nutrients naturally.

Greenbelt isn't just a farm, it's a living model of how agriculture, conservation, and community can thrive simultaneously and that farming can regenerate rather than degrade.



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