

# Annapolis County Agricultural Profile 2021



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The county produced



**Operating Revenues**

**\$25,307,198**

Accounting for 3.5 percent of all farm operating revenues in the province, Annapolis is the 8th largest county out of 18 in Nova Scotia, in terms of agricultural operating revenues.

## SOME NUMBERS

DID YOU KNOW?

Annapolis County accounted for **17%** of the provinces Oilseed and Grain farms

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Cattle farming in Annapolis increased **9%** from the previous census and comprised **7%** of the NS industry total. The most significant shift in Cattle farming was a **19%** increase in the number of Beef farms, while the number of Dairy farms decreased by **15%**.

### FUN FACT:

Annapolis county was home to **5** Soybean farms in 2021, equal to **33%** of the provincial total.

## MOST SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN NUMBER OF FARMS

**42%**  
DECLINE IN THE  
NUMBER OF ANIMAL  
COMBINATION  
FARMS.  
FROM 12 TO 7.

**28%**  
DECLINE IN THE  
NUMBER OF HAY  
FARMS.  
FROM 32 TO 23.

### DID YOU KNOW?

In 2021, the leading agriculture industry in terms of number of farms was Cattle Ranching and Farming (Beef & Dairy) at 728 farms, with the number of farms increasing by 53 from 2016.

**6%**

**Farms in  
Nova Scotia**

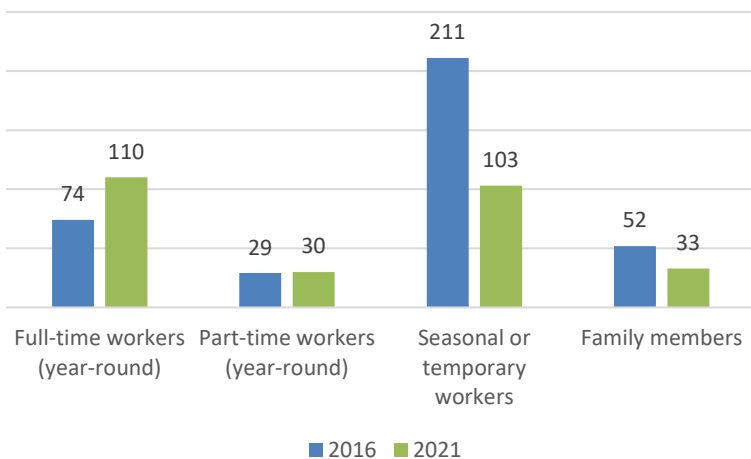
As of the past Statistics Canada Census of Agriculture, Annapolis County made up 6 percent of all farms in Nova Scotia.

	2011	2016	2021	% Change since 2016
Number of Farms	234	218	178	-18%
Total Farm Area (acres)	51,133	49,546	37,332	-25%
Average Farm Size (acres)	219	227	210	-8%
Gross Farm Receipts & Operating Revenues*	\$24.3 million	\$32.7 million	*\$25.3 million	-
Average Per Farm	\$103,757	\$150,146	*\$150,638	-
Operating Expenses	\$21.4 million	\$27.8 million	\$23.1 million	-17%
Average Per Farm	\$285,715	\$391,208	\$546,571	+5%
Average Expense to Revenue Ratio	0.88	0.85	*0.91	-

\* In 2021, the Census of Agriculture reported farm operating revenues in lieu of farm cash receipts.

2021 Operator Characteristics	2016	2021	% Change since 2016
Total Number of Operators	295	260	-12%
Total Male Operators	210	180	-14%
Total Female Operators	85	80	-6%
Average Age of Principle Operator	55.1	58.4	+6%

### Paid labour by worker type

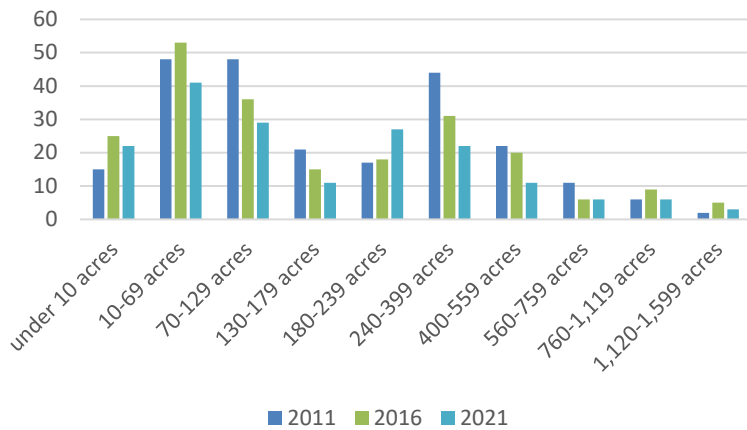


The number of full-time workers increased by 49% between 2016-2021.

The number of seasonal or temporary workers decreased by 51% between 2016-2021.

While the number of part-time workers remained relatively unchanged, the number of paid family workers decreased by 37% between 2016-2021.

## Farms by size - Acres

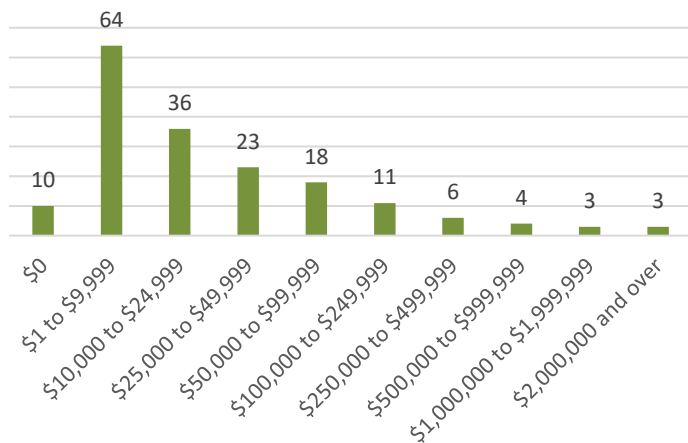


The most significant shift was in the number of farms sized 10-69 acres from 53 to 41 between 2016-2021.

Other notable changes include a reduction of 9 farms sized 240-399 acres and 9 fewer farms sized 400-559 acres between 2016-2021.

The only increase between 2016-2021 was in the number of farms sized 180-239 acres, from 18 to 27 farms.

## Farms by revenue - 2021



The largest concentration of farms by a revenue category was 64 farms in the \$1 to \$9,999, accounting for 36 % of the total share.

There were 6 farms earning revenues over \$1,000,000

15% of farms were earning revenues above \$100,000.

	2011	2016	2021	% Change since 2016	Provincial share (%)
Total number of Farms	234	218	178	-18%	6%
Cattle ranching and farming	51	45	49	9%	7%
Beef cattle ranching and farming, including feedlots	35	32	38	19%	7%
Dairy cattle and milk production	16	13	11	-15%	5%
Hog and pig farming	0	2	1	-50%	10%
Poultry and egg production	9	14	5	-64%	3%
Chicken egg production	4	8	4	-50%	9%
Broiler and other meat-type chicken production	3	2	1	-50%	1%
Turkey production	2	2	0	-100%	0%
Poultry hatcheries	0	0	0		0%
Combination poultry and egg production	0	2	0	-100%	0%
All other poultry production	0	0	0		0%

	2011	2016	2021	% Change since 2016	Provincial share (%)
Sheep and goat farming	3	4	4	0%	6%
Sheep farming	2	4	3	-25%	5%
Goat farming	1	0	1		10%
Other animal production	35	26	19	-27%	7%
Apiculture	0	3	4	33%	6%
Horse and other equine production	14	6	7	17%	9%
Fur-bearing animal and rabbit production	5	4	0	-100%	0%
Animal combination farming	16	12	7	-42%	6%
All other miscellaneous animal production	0	1	1	0%	10%
Oilseed and grain farming	11	9	9	0%	17%
Soybean farming	3	3	5	67%	33%
Oilseed (except soybean) farming	0	1	0	-100%	0%
Wheat farming	1	0	1		33%
Corn farming	2	2	0	-100%	0%
Other grain farming	5	3	3	0%	14%
Vegetable and melon farming	10	16	18	13%	13%
Potato farming	0	0	1		11%
Other vegetable (except potato) and melon farming	10	16	17	6%	13%
Fruit and tree nut farming	38	32	20	-38%	3%
Greenhouse, nursery, and floriculture production	22	19	18	-5%	6%
Mushroom production	0	0	0		0%
Other food crops grown under cover	5	6	8	33%	14%
Nursery and tree production	15	11	10	-9%	4%
Floriculture production	2	2	0	-100%	0%
Other crop farming	55	51	35	-31%	10%
Hay farming	42	32	23	-28%	10%
Fruit and vegetable combination farming	4	4	2	-50%	12%
Maple syrup and products production	1	2	1	-50%	3%
All other miscellaneous crop farming	8	13	9	-31%	12%