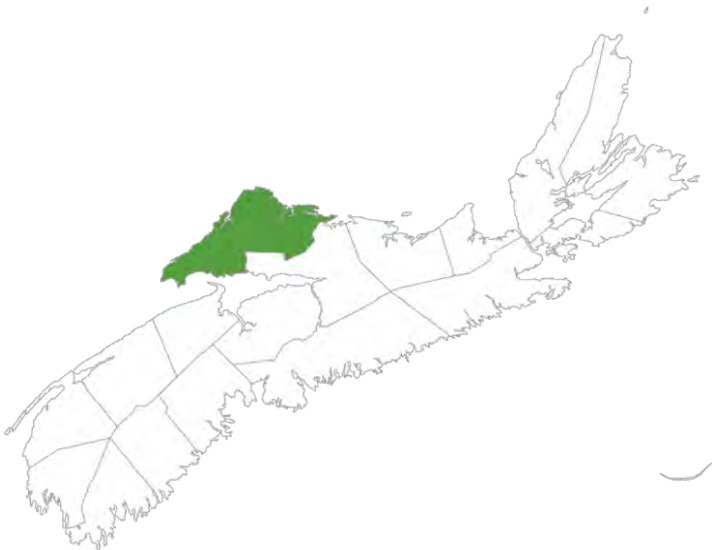


# Cumberland County Agricultural Profile

2021



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The county produced



Operating Revenues

\$80,375,913

Accounting for 11.1 percent of all farm operating revenues in the province, Cumberland was the 4th largest county in Nova Scotia out of 18, in terms of agricultural operating revenues.

## SOME NUMBERS

DID YOU KNOW?

Cumberland County accounted for **36%** of the provinces Fruit Tree and Nut farms.

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Cattle farming in Cumberland decreased **4%** from the previous census and comprised **10%** of the NS industry total. The most significant shift in Cattle farming was an **8%** decrease in the number of Dairy farms, while the number of Beef farms decreased by **3%**.

### FUN FACT:

Cumberland county was home to **16** Maple Syrup farms in 2021, equal to **41%** of the provincial total.

## MOST SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN NUMBER OF FARMS

**25%**  
DECLINE IN THE  
NUMBER OF FRUIT  
AND TREE NUT  
FARMS.  
FROM 299 to 223.

**56%**  
DECLINE IN THE  
NUMBER OF ANIMAL  
COMBINATION FARMS.  
FROM 18 TO 8.

### 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.

**16%**

**Farms in  
Nova Scotia**

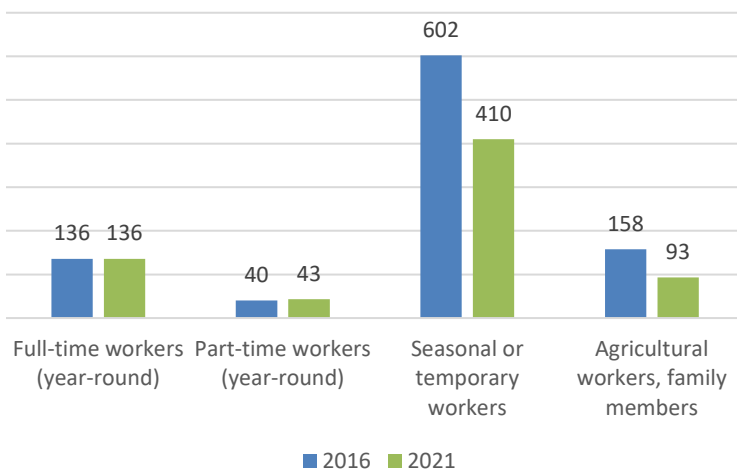
As of the past Statistics Canada Census of Agriculture, Cumberland County made up 16 percent of all farms in Nova Scotia.

	2011	2016	2021	% Change since 2016
Number of Farms	562	534	426	-20%
Total Farm Area (acres)	224,987	226,954	181,460	-20%
Average Farm Size (acres)	400	425	426	0%
Gross Farm Receipts/ Operating Revenues*	\$40.9 million	\$58.9 million	*\$80.3 million	-
Average Per Farm	\$72,863	\$110,257	*\$196,518	-
Operating Expenses	\$38.2 million	\$52.7 million	\$71.2 million	+35%
Average Per Farm	\$67,971	\$98,691	\$176,048	+78%
Average Expense to Revenue Ratio	0.93	0.89	*0.89	-

\* 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	715	570	-20%
Total Male Operators	505	400	-21%
Total Female Operators	210	170	-19%
Average Age of Principle Operator	58.7	60.4	+3%

### Paid labour by worker type

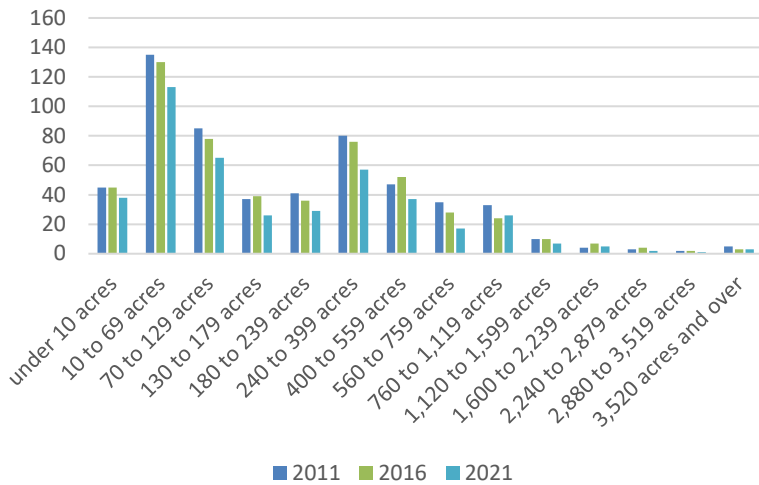


The number of full-time workers remained the same at 136 workers between 2016-2021.

The number of seasonal or temporary workers decreased by 32% between 2016-2021.

While the number of part-time workers slightly increased by 8%, the number of paid family workers decreased by 41% between 2016-2021.

## Farms by size - Acres

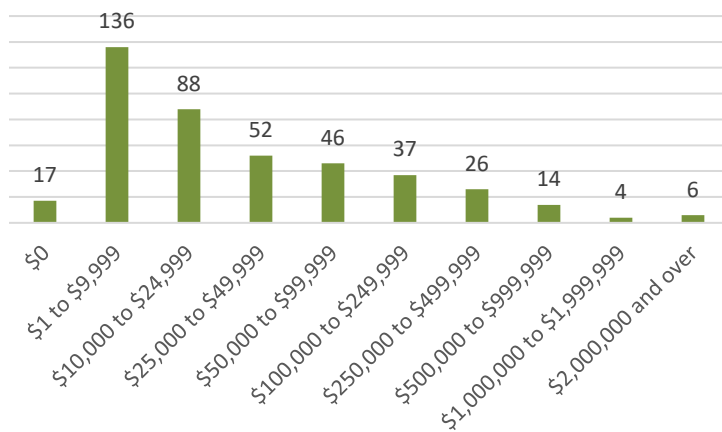


The most significant shift was in the number of farms sized 10-69 acres from 130 to 113.

Other notable changes include a reduction of 19 farms sized 240-399 acres and 15 fewer farms sized 1400-559 acres.

The most significant increase was in the number of farms sized 760-1,119 acres, from 24 to 26 farms.

## Farms by revenue - 2021



The largest concentration of farm by a revenue category was 136 farms in the \$1 to \$9,999, accounting for 32% of the total share of farms.

There were 10 farms earning revenues over \$1,000,000.

20% of farms were earning revenues above \$100,000.

	2011	2016	2021	% Change since 2016	CProvincial Share (%)
Total number of Farms	562	534	426	-20%	16%
Cattle ranching and farming	59	76	73	-4%	10%
Beef cattle ranching and farming, including feedlots	45	63	61	-3%	12%
Dairy cattle and milk production	14	13	12	-8%	6%
Hog and pig farming	2	3	2	-33%	20%
Poultry and egg production	3	6	5	-17%	3%
Chicken egg production	3	2	5	150%	11%
Broiler and other meat-type chicken production	0	4	0	-100%	0%
Turkey production	0	0	0		0%
Poultry hatcheries	0	0	0		0%
Combination poultry and egg production	0	0	0		0%
All other poultry production	0	0	0		0%

	2011	2016	2021	% Change since 2016	Provincial Share (%)
Sheep and goat farming	11	4	10	150%	14%
Sheep farming	9	3	9	200%	15%
Goat farming	2	1	1	0%	10%
Other animal production	42	45	25	-44%	9%
Apiculture	2	4	5	25%	8%
Horse and other equine production	19	21	11	-48%	15%
Fur-bearing animal and rabbit production	0	2	0	-100%	0%
Animal combination farming	18	18	8	-56%	7%
All other miscellaneous animal production	3	0	1		10%
Oilseed and grain farming	0	2	4	100%	8%
Soybean farming	0	0	1		7%
Oilseed (except soybean) farming	0	0	0		0%
Wheat farming	0	0	1		33%
Corn farming	0	2	1	-50%	8%
Other grain farming	0	0	1		5%
Vegetable and melon farming	7	9	18	100%	13%
Potato farming	1	0	1		11%
Other vegetable (except potato) and melon farming	6	9	17	89%	13%
Fruit and tree nut farming	328	299	223	-25%	36%
Greenhouse, nursery and floriculture production	12	11	6	-45%	2%
Mushroom production	0	0	0		0%
Other food crops grown under cover	1	1	0	-100%	0%
Nursery and tree production	8	8	6	-25%	2%
Floriculture production	3	2	0	-100%	0%
Other crop farming	98	79	60	-24%	16%
Hay farming	59	41	32	-22%	14%
Fruit and vegetable combination farming	3	4	2	-50%	12%
Maple syrup and products production	16	22	16	-27%	41%
All other miscellaneous crop farming	20	12	10	-17%	13%