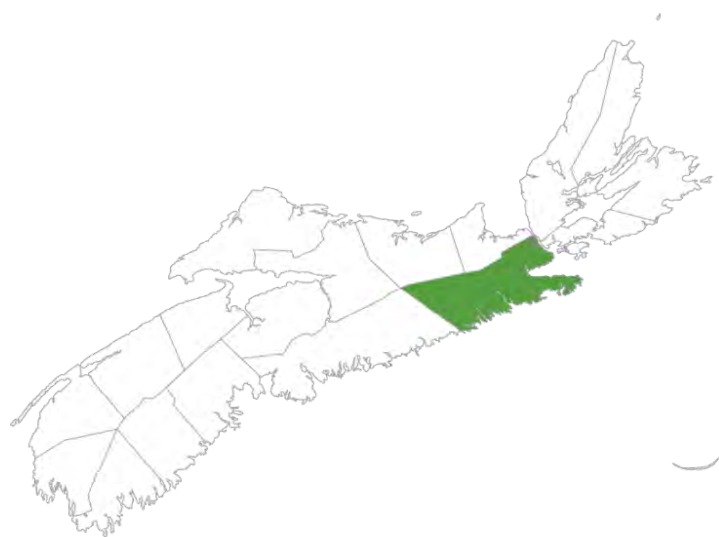


Guysborough County Agricultural Profile

2021



Guysborough County

The county produced



Operating Revenues

\$3,442,313

Accounting for 0.5 percent of all farm operating revenues in the province, Guysborough was the 14th largest county in Nova Scotia out of 18, in terms of agricultural operating revenues.

SOME NUMBERS

DID YOU KNOW?

Guysborough County accounted for **7%** of the provinces Nursery and tree farms.

DID YOU KNOW?

Cattle farming in Guysborough increased **29%** from the previous census and comprised **1%** of the NS sector total. The most significant shift in Cattle farming was an **40%** increase in the number of Beef farms, while the number of Dairy farms stayed the same.

FUN FACT:

Guysborough county was home to **18** different Greenhouse, nursery, and floriculture farms in 2021, equal to **6%** of the provincial total.

MOST SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN NUMBER OF FARMS

64%
DECLINE IN THE
NUMBER OF
NURSERY AND TREE
FARMS.
FROM 50 TO 18.

57%
DECLINE IN THE
NUMBER OF FRUIT AND
TREE NUT FARMS.
FROM 30 TO 13.

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.

2%

**Farms in
Nova Scotia**

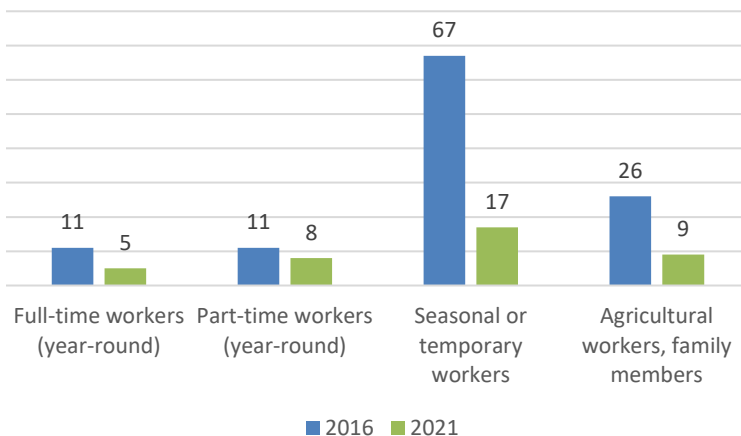
As of the past Statistics Canada Census of Agriculture, Guysborough County made up 2 percent of all farms in Nova Scotia.

	2011	2016	2021	% Change since 2016
Number of Farms	99	96	47	-51%
Total Farm Area (acres)	29,297	24,782	13,681	-45%
Average Farm Size (acres)	296	258	291	+13%
Gross Farm Receipts/ Operating Revenues*	\$3.8 million	\$5.1 million	*\$3.4 million	-
Average Per Farm	\$38,300	\$52,730	*\$78,234	-
Operating Expenses	\$3.6 million	\$4.5 million	\$3.5 million	-22%
Average Per Farm	\$35,875	\$46,864	\$76,983	+64%
Average Expense to Revenue Ratio	0.93	0.89	*1.03	-

* 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	120	65	-46%
Total Male Operators	90	45	-50%
Total Female Operators	30	20	-33%
Average Age of Principle Operator	60.9	62.3	+2%

Paid labour by worker type

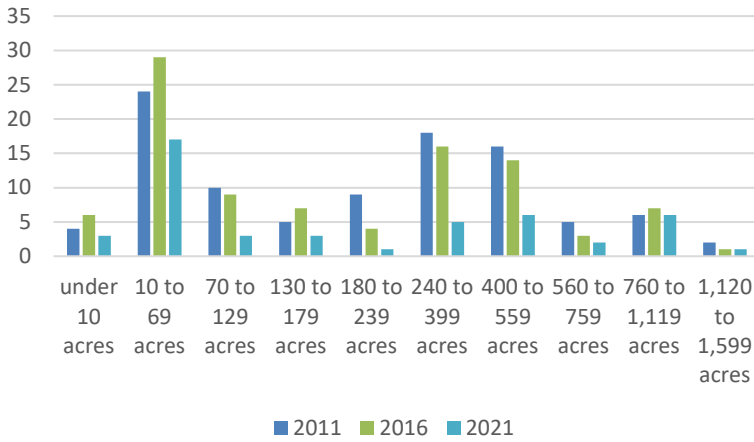


The number of full-time workers decreased by 55% between 2016-2021.

The number of seasonal or temporary workers decreased by 75% between 2016-2021.

Both the number of part-time workers and paid family members decreased by 27%, and 65% respectively between 2016-2021.

Farms by size - Acres

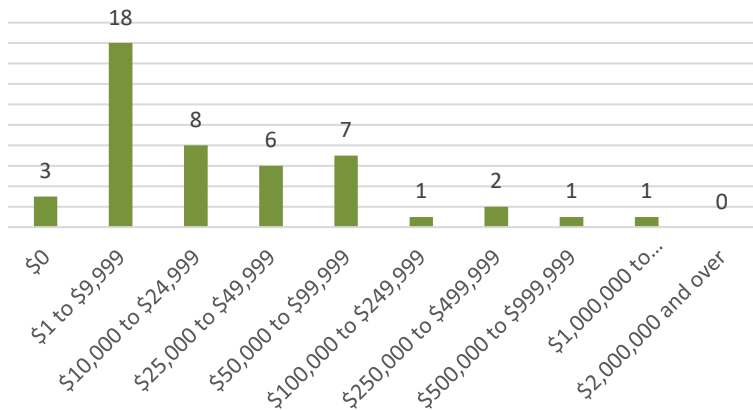


The most significant shift was in the number of farms sized 10-69 acres from 29 to 17.

Other notable changes include a reduction of 11 farms sized 240-399 acres and 8 fewer farms sized 400-559 acres.

The only category that did not experience a decline was the number of farms sized 1,120-1,599 acres remaining unchanged at 1 farm.

Farms by revenue - 2021



The largest concentration of farms by a revenue category was 18 farms in the \$1 to \$9,999, accounting for 38% of the total share of farms.

There was 1 farm earning revenues over \$1,000,000.

10% of farms earned revenues above \$100,000.

	2011	2016	2021	% Change since 2016	Provincial Share (%)
Total number of Farms	99	96	47	-51%	2%
Cattle ranching and farming	5	7	9	29%	1%
Beef cattle ranching and farming, including feedlots	3	5	7	40%	1%
Dairy cattle and milk production	2	2	2	0%	1%
Hog and pig farming	0	0	0		0%
Poultry and egg production	0	0	0		0%
Chicken egg production	0	0	0		0%
Broiler and other meat-type chicken production	0	0	0		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	2	1	0	-100%	0%
Sheep farming	2	1	0	-100%	0%
Goat farming	0	0	0		0%
Other animal production	3	4	6	50%	2%
Apiculture	1	1	2	100%	3%
Horse and other equine production	1	0	2		3%
Fur-bearing animal and rabbit production	1	1	1	0%	4%
Animal combination farming	0	2	1	-50%	1%
All other miscellaneous animal production	0	0	0		0%
Oilseed and grain farming	0	0	0		0%
Soybean farming	0	0	0		0%
Oilseed (except soybean) farming	0	0	0		0%
Wheat farming	0	0	0		0%
Corn farming	0	0	0		0%
Other grain farming	0	0	0		0%
Vegetable and melon farming	0	1	0	-100%	0%
Potato farming	0	0	0		0%
Other vegetable (except potato) and melon farming	0	1	0	-100%	0%
Fruit and tree nut farming	26	30	13	-57%	2%
Greenhouse, nursery and floriculture production	61	50	18	-64%	6%
Mushroom production	0	0	0		0%
Other food crops grown under cover	0	0	0		0%
Nursery and tree production	61	50	18	-64%	7%
Floriculture production	0	0	0		0%
Other crop farming	2	3	1	-67%	0%
Hay farming	2	3	0	-100%	0%
Fruit and vegetable combination farming	0	0	0		0%
Maple syrup and products production	0	0	0		0%
All other miscellaneous crop farming	0	0	1		1%