

# Halifax County Agricultural Profile

## 2021



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The county produced



Operating  
Revenues

\$26,036,193

Accounting for 3.6 percent of all farm operating revenues in the province, Halifax was the 7th largest county in Nova Scotia out of 18, in terms of agricultural operating revenues.

## SOME NUMBERS

DID YOU KNOW?

Halifax County accounted for **16%** of the provinces horse and other equine farms.

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Cattle farming in Halifax increased **19%** from the previous census and comprised **5%** of the NS industry total. The most significant shift in Cattle farming was an **27%** increase in the number of Beef farms, while the number of Dairy farms stayed the same.

### FUN FACT:

Halifax county was home to **3** Chicken egg farms in 2021, equal to **7%** of the provincial total.

## MOST SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN NUMBER OF FARMS

**100%**

DECLINE IN THE  
NUMBER OF  
FLORICULTURE  
FARMS.  
FROM 7 TO 0.

**67%**

DECLINE IN THE  
NUMBER OF CHICKEN  
AND EGG FARMERS.  
FROM 9 TO 3.

### 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.

**5%**

**Farms in  
Nova Scotia**

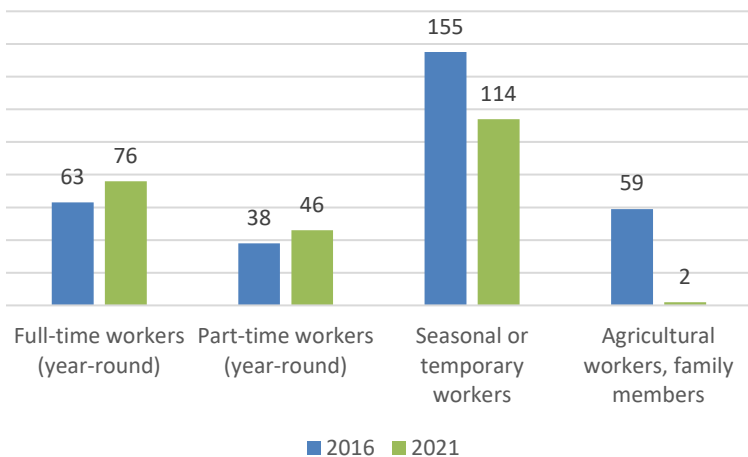
As of the past Statistics Canada Census of Agriculture, Halifax County made up 5 percent of all farms in Nova Scotia.

	2011	2016	2021	% Change since 2016
Number of Farms	164	160	127	-21%
Total Farm Area (acres)	37,360	30,537	27,392	-10%
Average Farm Size (acres)	228	191	216	+13%
Gross Farm Receipts/ Operating Revenues*	\$25.1 million	\$20.9 million	*\$26.0 million	-
Average Per Farm	\$153,279	\$131,114	*\$220,646	-
Operating Expenses	\$21.1 million	\$17.6 million	\$24.4 million	+39%
Average Per Farm	\$129,235	\$110,578	\$202,107	+83%
Average Expense to Revenue Ratio	0.84	0.84	*0.94	-

\* 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	235	180	-23%
Total Male Operators	160	120	-25%
Total Female Operators	75	60	-20%
Average Age of Principle Operator	55.7	58.6	+5%

### Paid labour by worker type

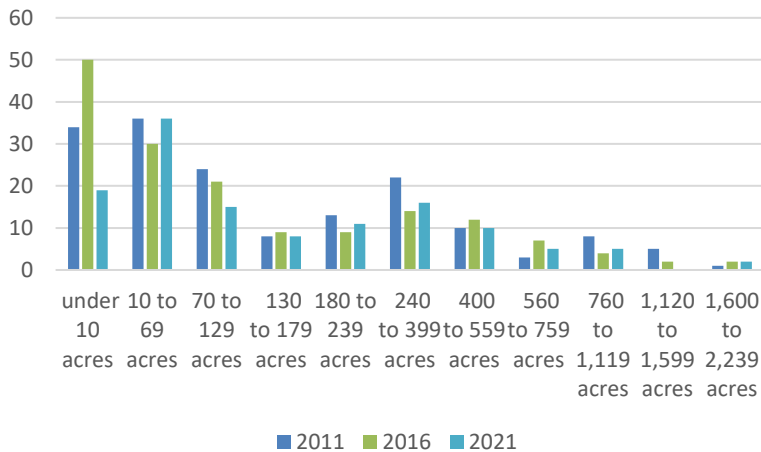


The number of full-time workers increased by 21% between 2016-2021.

The number of seasonal or temporary workers decreased by 26% between 2016-2021.

While the number of part-time workers increased by 21%, the number of paid family members decreased by 97%.

## Farms by size - Acres

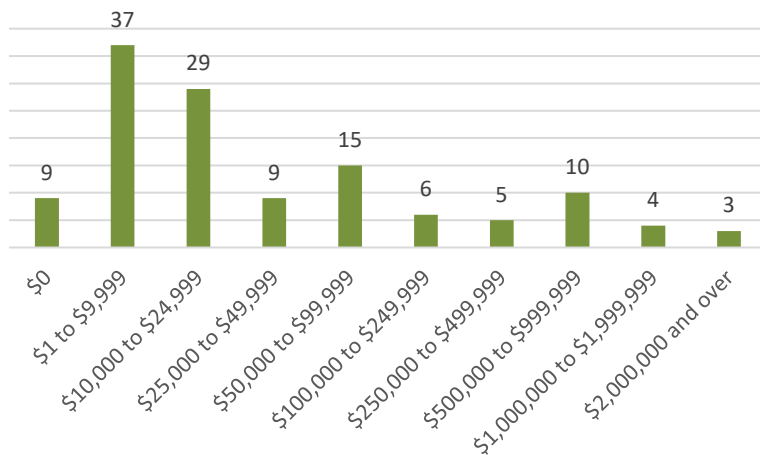


The most significant shift was in the number of farms sized under 10 acres from 50 to 19.

Other notable changes include a reduction of 6 farms sized 70-129 acres and 2 fewer farms sized 1,120-1,599 acres.

The most significant increase was in the number of farms sized 10-69 acres, from 30 to 36 farms.

## Farms by revenue - 2021



The largest concentration of farms by a revenue category was 37 farms in the \$1 to \$9,999, accounting for 29% of the total share of farms.

There were 7 farms earning revenues over \$1,000,000.

22% of farms earned revenues over \$100,000.

	2011	2016	2021	% Change since 2016	Provincial Share (%)
Total number of Farms	164	160	127	-21%	5%
Cattle ranching and farming	35	32	38	19%	5%
Beef cattle ranching and farming, including feedlots	21	22	28	27%	5%
Dairy cattle and milk production	14	10	10	0%	5%
Hog and pig farming	0	0	0		0%
Poultry and egg production	8	9	4	-56%	3%
Chicken egg production	6	9	3	-67%	7%
Broiler and other meat-type chicken production	0	0	1		1%
Turkey production	0	0	0		0%
Poultry hatcheries	0	0	0		0%
Combination poultry and egg production	2	0	0		0%
All other poultry production	0	0	0		0%

	2011	2016	2021	% Change since 2016	Provincial Share (%)
Sheep and goat farming	2	2	2	0%	3%
Sheep farming	1	1	1	0%	2%
Goat farming	1	1	1	0%	10%
Other animal production	26	28	18	-36%	6%
Apiculture	2	4	3	-25%	5%
Horse and other equine production	13	12	12	0%	16%
Fur-bearing animal and rabbit production	3	4	1	-75%	4%
Animal combination farming	8	7	2	-71%	2%
All other miscellaneous animal production	0	1	0	-100%	0%
Oilseed and grain farming	0	3	1	-67%	2%
Soybean farming	0	1	0	-100%	0%
Oilseed (except soybean) farming	0	0	0		0%
Wheat farming	0	0	0		0%
Corn farming	0	1	1	0%	8%
Other grain farming	0	1	0	-100%	0%
Vegetable and melon farming	11	11	5	-55%	4%
Potato farming	0	0	0		0%
Other vegetable (except potato) and melon farming	11	11	5	-55%	4%
Fruit and tree nut farming	25	21	23	10%	4%
Greenhouse, nursery and floriculture production	33	34	21	-38%	7%
Mushroom production	0	3	0	-100%	0%
Other food crops grown under cover	1	3	4	33%	7%
Nursery and tree production	21	21	17	-19%	7%
Floriculture production	11	7	0	-100%	0%
Other crop farming	24	20	15	-25%	4%
Hay farming	19	15	10	-33%	4%
Fruit and vegetable combination farming	2	1	1	0%	6%
Maple syrup and products production	0	2	1	-50%	3%
All other miscellaneous crop farming	3	2	3	50%	4%