

Inverness County Agricultural Profile

2021



Inverness County

The county produced



Operating
Revenues

\$13,075,100

Accounting for 1.8 percent of all farm operating revenues in the province, Inverness was the 11th largest county in Nova Scotia out of 18, in terms of agricultural operating revenues.

SOME NUMBERS

DID YOU KNOW?

Inverness County accounted for **8%** of the province's Maple Syrup farms.

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Cattle farming in Inverness decreased **11%** from the previous census and comprised **6%** of the NS industry total. The most significant shift in Cattle farming was an **28%** decrease in the number of Dairy farms, while the number of Beef farms stayed the same.

FUN FACT:

Inverness county was home to **2** Fur-bearing and Rabbit farms in 2021, equal to **8%** of the provincial total.

MOST SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN NUMBER OF FARMS

53%
DECLINE IN THE
NUMBER OF FRUIT
AND TREE NUT
FARMS.
FROM 17 TO 8.

70%
DECLINE IN THE
NUMBER OF ANIMAL
COMBINATION FARMS.
FROM 10 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.

3%

**Farms in
Nova Scotia**

As of the past Statistics Canada Census of Agriculture, Inverness County made up 3 percent of all farms in Nova Scotia.

	2011	2016	2021	% Change since 2016
Number of Farms	138	110	77	-30%
Total Farm Area (acres)	33,843	26,459	-	-
Average Farm Size (acres)	245	241	-	-
Gross Farm Receipts/ Operating Revenues*	\$10.1 million	\$11.9 million	*\$13.0 million	-
Average Per Farm	\$73,439	\$108,322	*\$186,787	-
Operating Expenses	\$8.6 million	\$10.5 million	\$11.1 million	+6%
Average Per Farm	\$62,513	\$96,030	\$159,043	+66%
Average Expense to Revenue Ratio	0.85	0.88	*0.85	-

* 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	145	110	-24%
Total Male Operators	110	80	-27%
Total Female Operators	35	30	-14%
Average Age of Principle Operator	56.3	55.6	-1%

Paid labour by worker type - 2021

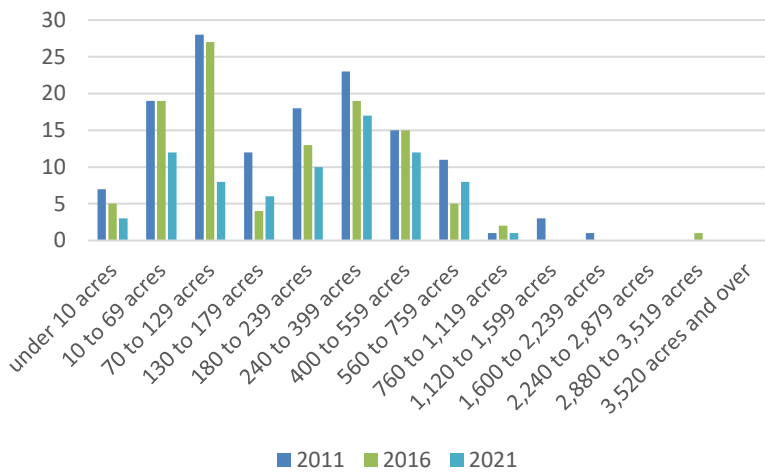


The number of full-time and part-time workers accounted for 48% of all agricultural county workers.

Seasonal or temporary workers accounted for 27% of all agriculture workers in the county.

The largest number of workers for the county are paid family members accounting for 31% of all agricultural workers.

Farms by size - Acres

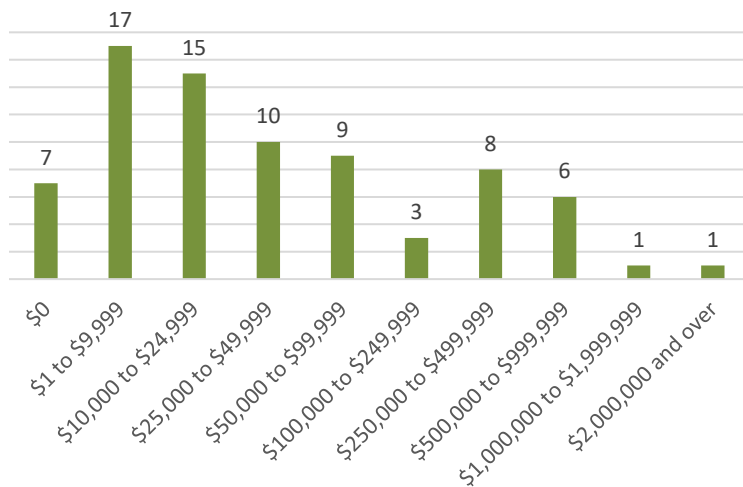


The most significant shift was in the number of farms sized 70-129 acres from 27 to 8.

Other notable changes include a reduction of 7 farms sized 10-69 acres and 3 fewer farms sized 400-559 acres.

The most significant increase was in the number of farms sized 560-759 acres, from 5 to 8 farms.

Farms by revenue - 2021



The largest concentration of farms by a revenue category was 17 farms in the \$1 to \$9,999, accounting for 22% of the total share of farms.

There were 2 farms earning revenues over \$1,000,000.

24% of farms earned revenues over \$100,000.

	2011	2016	2021	% Change since 2016	Provincial Share (%)
Total number of Farms	138	110	77	-30%	3%
Cattle ranching and farming	45	46	41	-11%	6%
Beef cattle ranching and farming, including feedlots	27	28	28	0%	5%
Dairy cattle and milk production	18	18	13	-28%	6%
Hog and pig farming	1	0	0		0%
Poultry and egg production	1	1	2	100%	1%
Chicken egg production	1	1	1	0%	2%
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	0	0	0		0%
All other poultry production	0	0	0		0%

	2011	2016	2021	% Change since 2016	Provincial Share (%)
Sheep and goat farming	1	0	2		3%
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Goat farming	1	0	0		0%
Other animal production	22	20	9	-55%	3%
Apiculture	0	2	2	0%	3%
Horse and other equine production	8	4	1	-75%	1%
Fur-bearing animal and rabbit production	2	2	2	0%	8%
Animal combination farming	9	10	3	-70%	3%
All other miscellaneous animal production	3	2	1	-50%	10%
Oilseed and grain farming	1	0	0		0%
Soybean farming	1	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	5	5	4	-20%	3%
Potato farming	0	0	0		0%
Other vegetable (except potato) and melon farming	5	5	4	-20%	3%
Fruit and tree nut farming	19	17	8	-53%	1%
Greenhouse, nursery and floriculture production	7	5	2	-60%	1%
Mushroom production	0	0	0		0%
Other food crops grown under cover	1	1	0	-100%	0%
Nursery and tree production	4	2	2	0%	1%
Floriculture production	2	2	0	-100%	0%
Other crop farming	36	16	9	-44%	2%
Hay farming	23	12	6	-50%	3%
Fruit and vegetable combination farming	4	1	0	-100%	0%
Maple syrup and products production	2	1	3	200%	8%
All other miscellaneous crop farming	7	2	0	-100%	0%