

Kings County Agricultural Profile

2021



Kings County

The county produced



Operating Revenues

\$274,207,948

Accounting for 38 percent of all farm operating revenues in the province, Kings was the largest county in Nova Scotia out of 18, in terms of agricultural operating revenues.

SOME NUMBERS

DID YOU KNOW?

Kings County accounted for **50%** of all the provinces Poultry and Egg farms.

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Cattle farming in Kings decreased **3%** from the previous census and comprised **12%** of the NS industry total. The most significant shift in Cattle farming was an **5%** decrease in the number of Beef farms, while the number of Dairy farms stayed the same.

FUN FACT:

Kings' county was home to **120** Fruit and Tree Nut farms in 2021, equal to **19%** of the provincial total.

MOST SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN NUMBER OF FARMS

55%
DECLINE IN THE
NUMBER OF HAY
FARMS.
FROM 31 to 14.

69%
DECLINE IN THE
NUMBER OF CORN
FARMS.
FROM 16 to 5.

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**

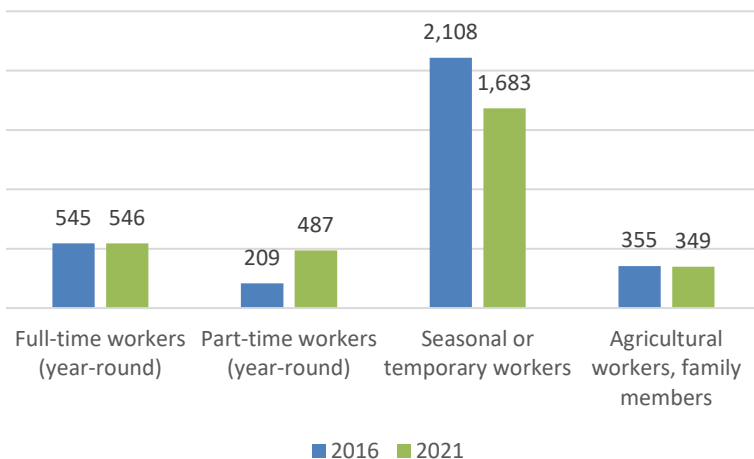
As of the past Statistics Canada Census of Agriculture, Kings County made up 16 percent of all farms in Nova Scotia.

	2011	2016	2021	% Change since 2016
Number of Farms	614	565	444	-21%
Total Farm Area (acres)	122,640	114,421	94,816	-17%
Average Farm Size (acres)	200	203	214	+5%
Gross Farm Receipts/ Operating Revenues*	\$202.8 million	\$250.3 million	*\$274.2 million	-
Average Per Farm	\$330,300	\$443,059	*\$649,782	-
Operating Expenses	\$175.4 million	\$212.0 million	\$242.6 million	+14%
Average Per Farm	\$285,715	\$391,208	\$559,165	+43%
Average Expense to Revenue Ratio	0.86	0.88	*0.88	-

* 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	750	640	-15%
Total Male Operators	540	440	-19%
Total Female Operators	210	200	-5%
Average Age of Principle Operator	55.4	57	+3%

Paid labour by worker type

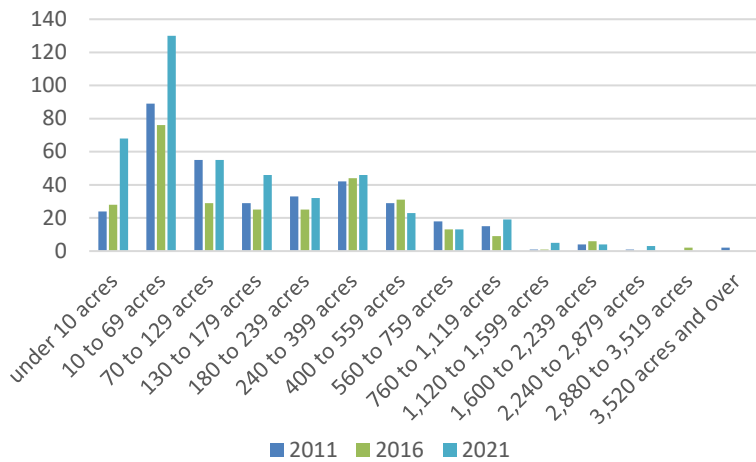


The number of full-time workers remained the same at 546 workers between 2016-2021.

The number of seasonal or temporary workers decreased by 20% between 2016-2021.

While the number of part-time workers increased by 133%, the number of paid family members decreased by 2%.

Farms by size - Acres

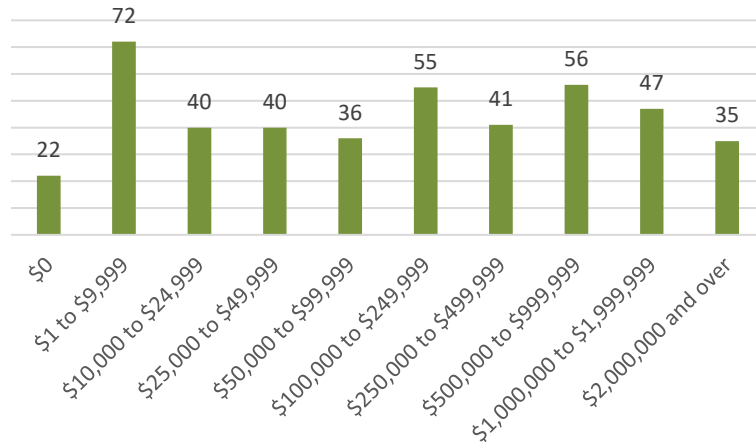


The most significant shift was in the number of farms sized 10-69 acres from 76 to 130.

Other notable changes include an increase of 40 farms sized under 10 acres and 26 additional farms sized 70-129 acres.

The most significant decrease was in the number of farms sized 1,600-2,239 acres, from 6 to 4 farms.

Farms by revenue - 2021



The largest concentration of farms by a revenue category was 72 farms in the \$1 to \$9,999, accounting for 16% of the total share of farms.

There were 82 farms earning revenues above \$1,000,000.

53% of farms were earning revenues above \$100,000.

	2011	2016	2021	% Change since 2016	Provincial Share (%)
Total Number of farms	614	565	444	-21%	16%
Cattle ranching and farming	95	88	85	-3%	12%
Beef cattle ranching and farming, including feedlots	67	60	57	-5%	11%
Dairy cattle and milk production	28	28	28	0%	14%
Hog and pig farming	8	11	5	-55%	50%
Poultry and egg production	90	97	77	-21%	50%
Chicken egg production	16	16	10	-38%	22%
Broiler and other meat-type chicken production	60	68	59	-13%	70%
Turkey production	7	8	6	-25%	100%
Poultry hatcheries	1	1	1	0%	33%
Combination poultry and egg production	5	4	1	-75%	10%
All other poultry production	1	0	0	0%	0%

	2011	2016	2021	% Change since 2016	Provincial Share (%)
Sheep and Goat farming	17	10	9	-10%	13%
Sheep farming	10	7	7	0%	11%
Goat farming	7	3	2	-33%	20%
Other animal production	61	47	31	-34%	11%
Apiculture	8	13	7	-46%	11%
Horse and other equine production	22	12	5	-58%	7%
Fur-bearing animal and rabbit production	12	7	3	-57%	12%
Animal combination farming	17	14	16	14%	15%
All other miscellaneous animal production	2	1	0	-100%	0%
Oilseed and grain farming	24	34	22	-35%	42%
Soybean farming	5	3	7	133%	47%
Oilseed (except soybean) farming	0	0	1		100%
Wheat farming	2	5	1	-80%	33%
Corn farming	9	16	5	-69%	42%
Other grain farming	8	10	8	-20%	36%
Vegetable and melon farming	53	48	38	-21%	27%
Potato farming	10	5	7	40%	78%
Other vegetable (except potato) and melon farming	43	43	31	-28%	23%
Fruit and tree nut farming	139	139	120	-14%	19%
Greenhouse, nursery, and floriculture production	50	38	29	-24%	9%
Mushroom production	1	2	0	-100%	0%
Other food crops grown under cover	6	4	6	50%	10%
Nursery and tree production	34	24	21	-13%	8%
Floriculture production	9	8	2	-75%	67%
Other crop farming	77	53	28	-47%	8%
Hay farming	49	31	14	-55%	6%
Fruit and vegetable combination farming	9	5	5	0%	29%
Maple syrup and products production	2	2	1	-50%	3%
All other miscellaneous crop farming	17	15	8	-47%	11%

