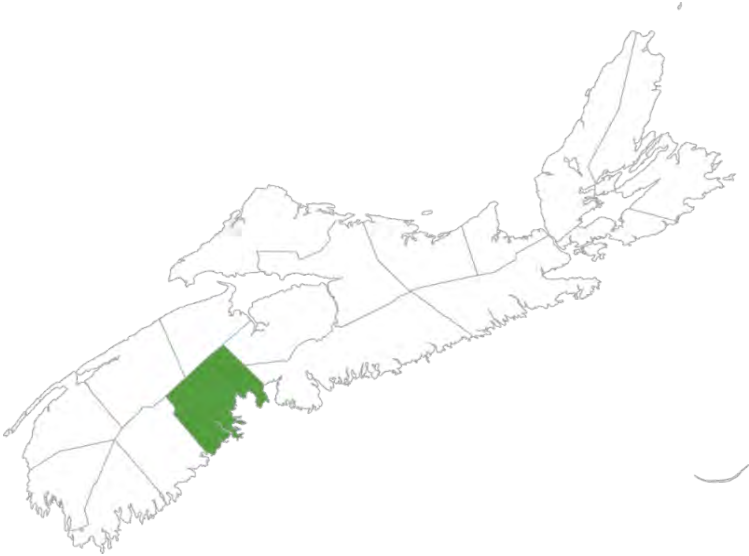


Lunenburg County Agricultural Profile

2021



Lunenburg County

The county produced



Operating
Revenues

\$34,718,389

Accounting for 4.8 percent of all farm operating revenues in the province, Lunenburg was the 5th largest county in Nova Scotia out of 18, in terms of agricultural operating revenues.

SOME NUMBERS

DID YOU KNOW?

Lunenburg County accounted for **31%** of the provinces Greenhouse, nursery, and floriculture farms.

DID YOU KNOW?

Cattle farming in Lunenburg increased **32%** from the previous census and comprised **6%** of the NS industry total. The most significant shift in Cattle farming was an **33%** increase in the number of Beef farms, while the number of Dairy farms increased by **25%**.

FUN FACT:

Lunenburg county was home to **26** Egg and Poultry farms in 2021, equal to **17%** of the provincial total.

MOST SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN NUMBER OF FARMS

43%
DECLINE IN THE
NUMBER OF HAY
FARMS.
FROM 35 to 20.

14%
DECLINE IN THE
NUMBER OF NURSERY
AND TREE FARMS.
FROM 107 TO 92.

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.

9%

**Farms in
Nova Scotia**

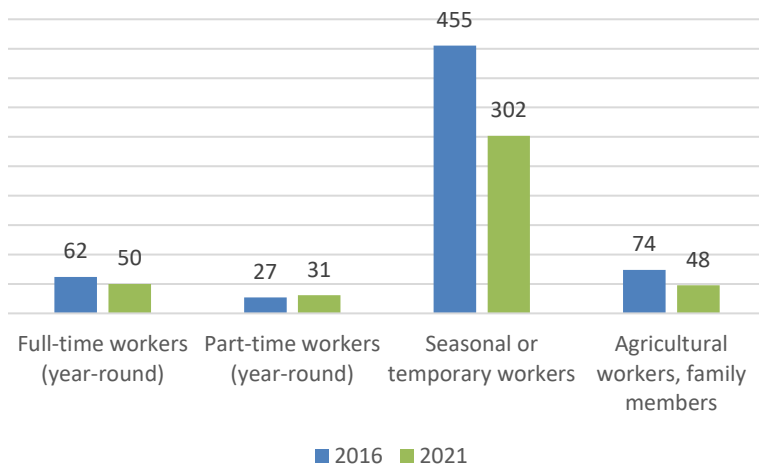
As of the past Statistics Canada Census of Agriculture, Lunenburg County made up 9 percent of all farms in Nova Scotia.

| | 2011 | 2016 | 2021 | % Change since 2016 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Number of Farms | 614 | 565 | 242 | -57% |
| Total Farm Area (acres) | 71,840 | 61,443 | 51,349 | -16% |
| Average Farm Size (acres) | 209 | 216 | 212 | -2% |
| Gross Farm Receipts/ Operating Revenues* | \$25.3 million | \$23.6 million | *\$34.7 million | - |
| Average Per Farm | \$73,691 | \$82,858 | *\$155,688 | - |
| Operating Expenses | \$23.4 million | \$21.4 million | \$31.4 million | +47% |
| Average Per Farm | \$68,226 | \$75,045 | \$139,233 | +86% |
| Average Expense to Revenue Ratio | 0.93 | 0.91 | *0.91 | - |

* 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 | 370 | 320 | -14% |
| Total Male Operators | 275 | 230 | -16% |
| Total Female Operators | 95 | 90 | -5% |
| Average Age of Principle Operator | 56.4 | 59.6 | +6% |

Paid labour by worker type

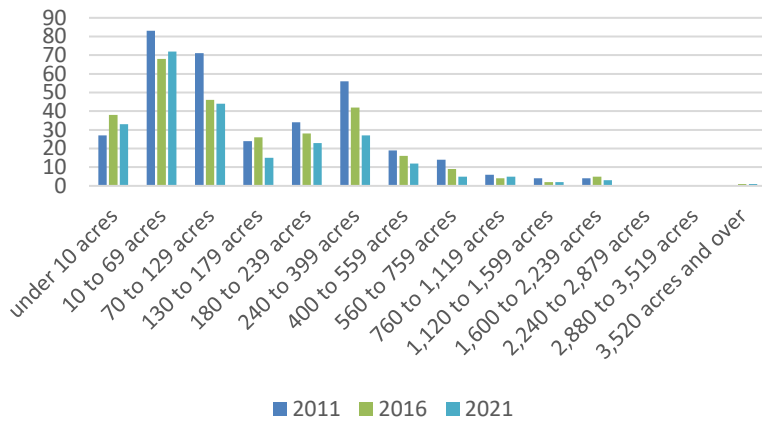


The number of full-time workers decreased by 19% between 2016-2021.

The number of seasonal or temporary workers decreased by 34% between 2016-2021.

While the number of part-time workers increased by 15%, the number of paid family members decreased by 35%.

Farms by size - Acres

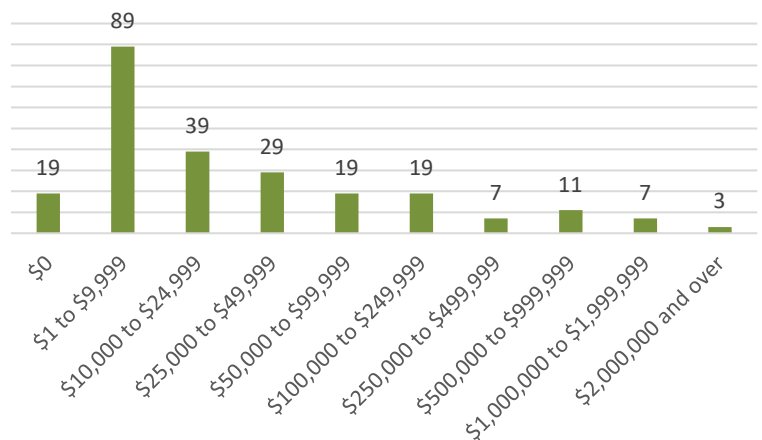


The most significant shift was in the number of farms sized 240-399 acres from 42 to 27.

Other notable changes include a reduction of 11 farms sized 130-179 acres and 5 fewer farms sized under 10 acres.

The most significant increase was in the number of farms sized 10-69 acres, from 68 to 72 farms.

Farms by revenue - 2021



The largest concentration of farms by a revenue category was 89 farms \$1 to \$9,999, accounting for 37% of the total share of farms.

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

19% of farms earned revenues above \$100,000.

| | 2011 | 2016 | 2021 | % Change since 2016 | Provincial Share (%) |
|--|------|------|------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Total number of Farms | 342 | 285 | 242 | -15% | 9% |
| Cattle ranching and farming | 30 | 34 | 45 | 32% | 6% |
| Beef cattle ranching and farming, including feedlots | 25 | 30 | 40 | 33% | 8% |
| Dairy cattle and milk production | 5 | 4 | 5 | 25% | 2% |
| Hog and pig farming | 2 | 0 | 0 | | 0% |
| Poultry and egg production | 16 | 15 | 26 | 73% | 17% |
| Chicken egg production | 6 | 2 | 6 | 200% | 13% |
| Broiler and other meat-type chicken production | 10 | 9 | 16 | 78% | 19% |
| Turkey production | 0 | 1 | 0 | -100% | 0% |
| Poultry hatcheries | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0% |
| Combination poultry and egg production | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0% | 20% |
| All other poultry production | 0 | 1 | 2 | 100% | 40% |

| | 2011 | 2016 | 2021 | % Change since 2016 | Provincial Share (%) |
|---|------|------|------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Sheep and goat farming | 4 | 3 | 4 | 33% | 6% |
| Sheep farming | 4 | 2 | 3 | 50% | 5% |
| Goat farming | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0% | 10% |
| Other animal production | 33 | 20 | 16 | -20% | 6% |
| Apiculture | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0% | 3% |
| Horse and other equine production | 13 | 6 | 2 | -67% | 3% |
| Fur-bearing animal and rabbit production | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0% |
| Animal combination farming | 17 | 11 | 12 | 9% | 11% |
| All other miscellaneous animal production | 2 | 1 | 0 | -100% | 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 | 8 | 16 | 11 | -31% | 8% |
| Potato farming | 0 | 1 | 0 | -100% | 0% |
| Other vegetable (except potato) and melon farming | 8 | 15 | 11 | -27% | 8% |
| Fruit and tree nut farming | 23 | 26 | 15 | -42% | 2% |
| Greenhouse, nursery and floriculture production | 169 | 117 | 99 | -15% | 31% |
| Mushroom production | 1 | 2 | 1 | -50% | 20% |
| Other food crops grown under cover | 4 | 2 | 6 | 200% | 10% |
| Nursery and tree production | 155 | 107 | 92 | -14% | 37% |
| Floriculture production | 9 | 6 | 0 | -100% | 0% |
| Other crop farming | 57 | 54 | 26 | -52% | 7% |
| Hay farming | 41 | 35 | 20 | -43% | 9% |
| Fruit and vegetable combination farming | 3 | 4 | 0 | -100% | 0% |
| Maple syrup and products production | 2 | 1 | 3 | 200% | 8% |
| All other miscellaneous crop farming | 11 | 14 | 3 | -79% | 4% |

