

Shelburne County Agricultural Profile

2021



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The county produced



Operating
Revenues

\$167,980

Accounting for 0.1 percent of all farm operating revenues in the province, Richmond was the smallest county in Nova Scotia out of 18, in terms of agricultural operating revenues.

SOME NUMBERS

DID YOU KNOW?

Shelburne County accounted for **20%** of the province's Other miscellaneous animal farms.

DID YOU KNOW?

Cattle farming in Shelburne increased **100%** from the previous census and comprised **0.3%** of the NS industry total. The most significant shift in Cattle farming was an **100%** increase in the number of Dairy farms, while the number of Beef farms stayed the same.

FUN FACT:

Shelburne county was home to **14** total farms in 2021, equal to **1%** of the provincial total.

MOST SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN NUMBER OF FARMS

67%

DECLINE IN THE
NUMBER OF FRUIT
AND TREE NUT
FARMS.
FROM 6 TO 2.

100%

DECLINE IN THE
NUMBER OF NURSERY
AND TREE FARMS.
FROM 3 TO 0.

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.

1%

**Farms in
Nova Scotia**

As of the past Statistics Canada Census of Agriculture, Shelburne County made up 1 percent of all farms in Nova Scotia.

	2011	2016	2021	% Change since 2016
Number of Farms	17	16	14	-13%
Total Farm Area (acres)	7,524	-	1,954	-
Average Farm Size (acres)	443	-	140	-
Gross Farm Receipts/ Operating Revenues*	\$3.4 million	-	*0.1 million	-
Average Per Farm	\$197,557	-	*\$16,798	-
Operating Expenses	\$0.4 million	-	\$0.2 million	-
Average Per Farm	\$148,345	-	\$21,606	-
Average Expense to Revenue Ratio	0.75	-	*1.4	-

* 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	25	20	-20%
Total Male Operators	15	10	-33%
Total Female Operators	10	5	-50%
Average Age of Principle Operator	61.6	61	-1%

Paid labour by worker type - 2021

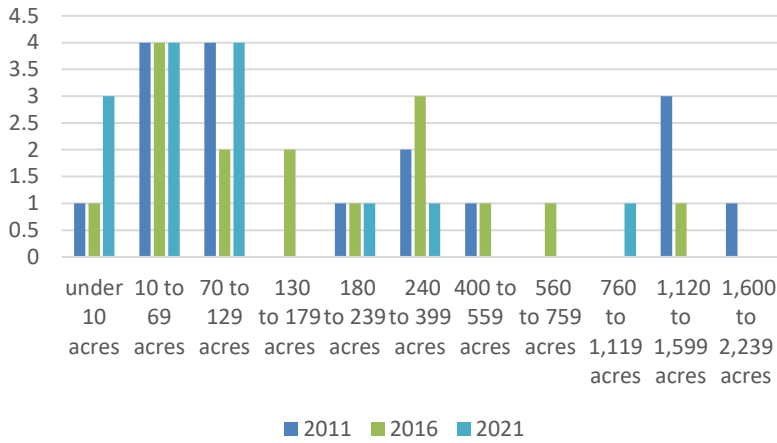


There were no reported full-time workers in 2021.

Seasonal or temporary workers accounted for 100% of the county's agricultural workforce in 2021.

There were no reported part-time or paid family members in 2021.

Farms by size - Acres

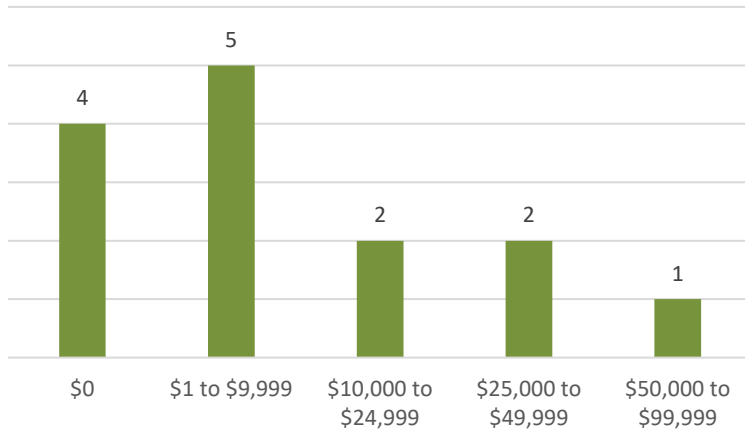


The most significant shift was in the number of farms sized 240-299 acres from 3 to 1.

Other notable changes include a reduction of 2 farms sized 130-179 acres and 1 fewer farm sized 1,120-1,599 acres.

The most significant increase was in the number of farms sized 70-129 acres, from 2 to 4 farms.

Farms by revenue - 2021



The largest concentration of farms by a revenue category was in the \$1 to \$9,999, accounting for 365 of the total shares of farms.

There were 0 farms earning revenues above \$1,000,000.

0% of farms earned revenues above \$100,000.

	2011	2016	2021	% Change since 2016	Provincial Share (%)
Total number of Farms	17	16	14	-13%	1%
Cattle ranching and farming	2	1	2	100%	0%
Beef cattle ranching and farming, including feedlots	1	1	1	0%	0%
Dairy cattle and milk production	1	0	1		0%
Hog and pig farming	0	0	0		0%
Poultry and egg production	0	0	1		1%
Chicken egg production	0	0	1		2%
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	1	1	1	0%	1%
Sheep farming	1	1	1	0%	2%
Goat farming	0	0	0		0%
Other animal production	4	5	6	20%	2%
Apiculture	0	1	2	100%	3%
Horse and other equine production	2	2	2	0%	3%
Fur-bearing animal and rabbit production	2	2	0	-100%	0%
Animal combination farming	0	0	0		0%
All other miscellaneous animal production	0	0	2		20%
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	0	0		0%
Potato farming	0	0	0		0%
Other vegetable (except potato) and melon farming	0	0	0		0%
Fruit and tree nut farming	4	6	2	-67%	0%
Greenhouse, nursery and floriculture production	4	3	1	-67%	0%
Mushroom production	0	0	0		0%
Other food crops grown under cover	0	0	1		2%
Nursery and tree production	4	3	0	-100%	0%
Floriculture production	0	0	0		0%
Other crop farming	2	0	1		0%
Hay farming	2	0	1		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	0		0%