

# Yarmouth County Agricultural Profile 2021



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The county produced



**Operating Revenues**

**\$3,533,730**

Accounting for 0.5 percent of all farm operating revenues in the province, Yarmouth was the 13<sup>th</sup> largest county in Nova Scotia out of 18, in terms of agricultural operating revenues.

## SOME NUMBERS

DID YOU KNOW?

Yarmouth County accounted for **5%** of the province's Vegetable and melon farms.

DID YOU KNOW?

Cattle farming in Yarmouth increased **23%** from the previous census and comprised **2%** 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:

Yarmouth county was home to **5** Sheep and goat farms in 2021, equal to **7%** of the provincial total.

## MOST SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN NUMBER OF FARMS

**50%**  
DECLINE IN THE  
NUMBER OF FRUIT  
AND TREE NUT  
FARMS.  
FROM 14 TO 7.

**71%**  
DECLINE IN THE  
NUMBER OF FUR-  
BEARING & RABBIT  
FARMS.  
FROM 7 TO 2.

### 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.

**2%**

**Farms in  
Nova Scotia**

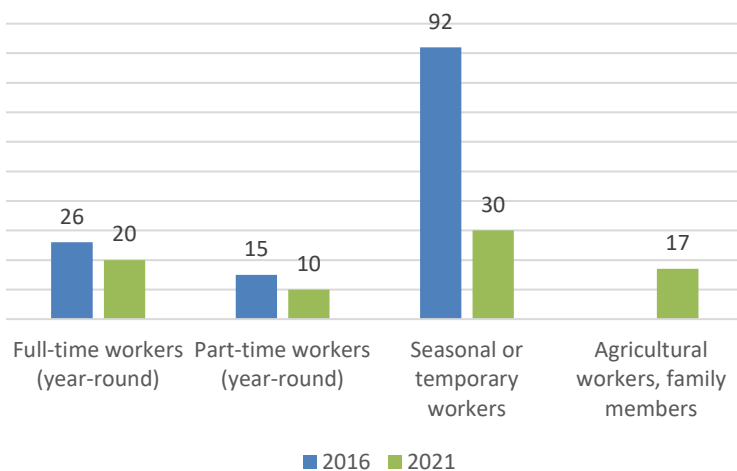
As of the past Statistics Canada Census of Agriculture, Yarmouth County made up 2 percent of all farms in Nova Scotia.

	2011	2016	2021	% Change since 2016
Number of Farms	91	62	49	-21%
Total Farm Area (acres)	-	-	5,463	-
Average Farm Size (acres)	-	-	111	-
Gross Farm Receipts/ Operating Revenues*	\$8.9 million	\$10.6 million	*3.5 million	-
Average Per Farm	\$97,857	\$171,578	*\$75,185	-
Operating Expenses	\$7.4 million	\$10.1 million	\$3.7 million	-63%
Average Per Farm	\$81,860	\$164,009	\$79,172	-52%
Average Expense to Revenue Ratio	0.84	0.96	*1.06	-

\* 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	80	65	-19%
Total Male Operators	60	50	-17%
Total Female Operators	20	15	-25%
Average Age of Principle Operator	59	61	+3%

### Paid labour by worker type

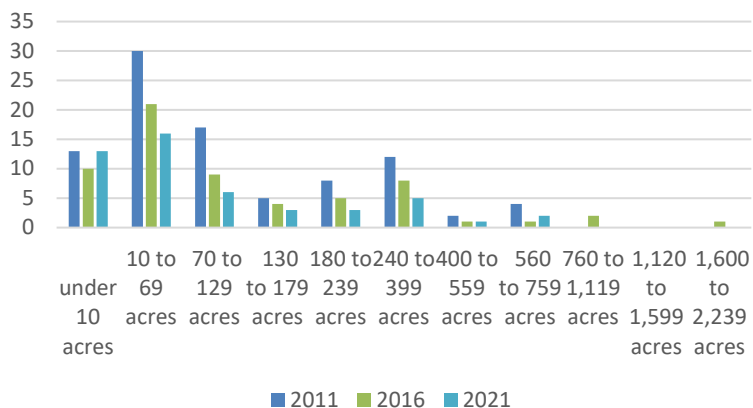


The number of full-time workers decreased by 23% between 2016-2021.

The number of seasonal or temporary workers decreased by 67% between 2016-2021.

The number of part-time workers decreased by 33% between 2016 and 2021.

## Farms by size - Acres

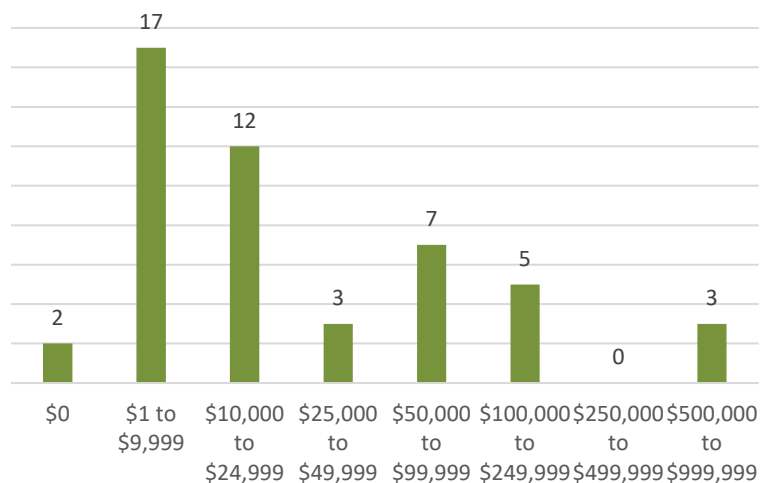


The most significant shift was in the number of farms sized 10-69 acres from 21 to 16.

Other notable changes include a reduction of 3 farms sized 240-399 acres and 3 fewer farms sized 70-129 acres.

The most significant increase was in the number of farms sized under 10 acres, from 10 to 13 farms.

## Farms by revenue - 2021



The largest concentration of farms by a revenue category was in the \$1 to \$9,999, accounting for 35% of the total share of farms.

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

16% of farms earned revenues above \$100,000.

	2011	2016	2021	% Change since 2016	Provincial Share (%)
Total number of Farms	91	62	49	-21%	2%
Cattle ranching and farming	18	13	16	23%	2%
Beef cattle ranching and farming, including feedlots	15	11	14	27%	3%
Dairy cattle and milk production	3	2	2	0%	1%
Hog and pig farming	0	2	0	-100%	0%
Poultry and egg production	1	0	1		1%
Chicken egg production	1	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	4	2	5	150%	7%
Sheep farming	4	2	5	150%	8%
Goat farming	0	0	0		0%
Other animal production	16	14	4	-71%	1%
Apiculture	0	1	0	-100%	0%
Horse and other equine production	2	1	0	-100%	0%
Fur-bearing animal and rabbit production	7	7	2	-71%	8%
Animal combination farming	5	4	1	-75%	1%
All other miscellaneous animal production	2	1	1	0%	10%
Oilseed and grain farming	1	0	0		0%
Soybean farming	0	0	0		0%
Oilseed (except soybean) farming	0	0	0		0%
Wheat farming	1	0	0		0%
Corn farming	0	0	0		0%
Other grain farming	0	0	0		0%
Vegetable and melon farming	2	6	7	17%	5%
Potato farming	0	0	0		0%
Other vegetable (except potato) and melon farming	2	6	7	17%	5%
Fruit and tree nut farming	27	14	7	-50%	1%
Greenhouse, nursery and floriculture production	6	6	5	-17%	2%
Mushroom production	0	0	1		20%
Other food crops grown under cover	0	2	1	-50%	2%
Nursery and tree production	5	3	3	0%	1%
Floriculture production	1	1	0	-100%	0%
Other crop farming	16	5	4	-20%	1%
Hay farming	8	3	3	0%	1%
Fruit and vegetable combination farming	4	2	1	-50%	6%
Maple syrup and products production	1	0	0		0%
All other miscellaneous crop farming	3	0	0		0%

