

Snapshot

ECONOMICS:



\$690.7 million / 1.73%

agriculture and agri-food contribution
to Nova Scotia's GDP¹



\$752.13 million

in farm cash receipts²

FARM DEMOGRAPHICS:



2,000+

registered
farm businesses



720,045

acres
farmed



49,000+

acres of farmland protected
by dykes³



263

acres is the
average farm size⁴

WORKFORCE:



6,100

people employed in
primary agriculture⁵



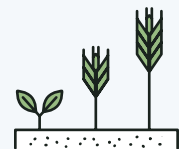
8,817

people employed in
food manufacturing⁶



29%

of farm operators
are female⁷



58

average age
of farm operators⁸

MENTAL HEALTH⁹:



76%

of farmers were classified
as experiencing moderate
or high perceived stress



over 2x higher

suicide ideation is over
2x higher in farmers than
the general population



20%

of farmers experience
moderate to severe anxiety
and depressive disorders



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