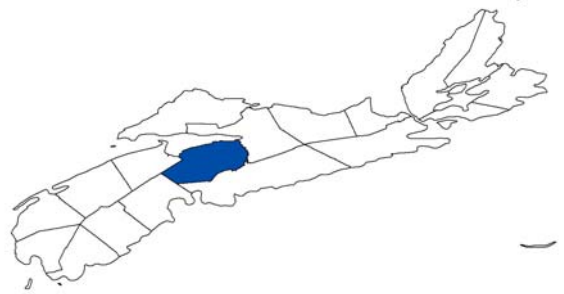


# HANTS COUNTY

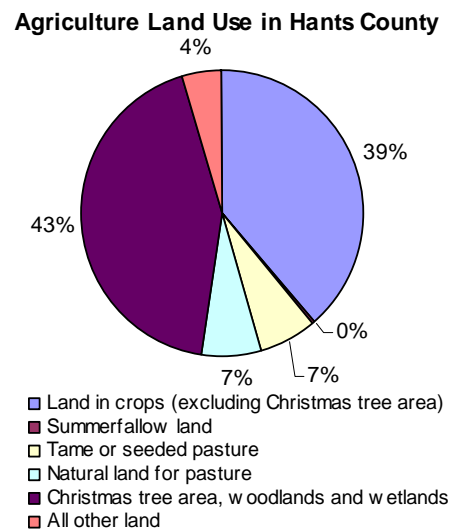
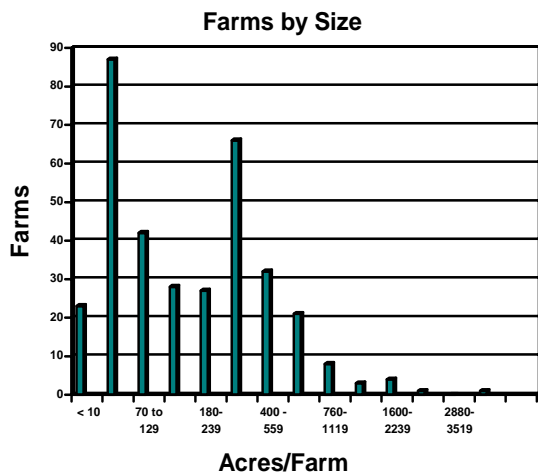


## AGRICULTURAL PROFILE | 2006

As of the 2006 Statistics Canada Census of Agriculture, Hants County made up 9.03 percent of all farms in Nova Scotia. In 2006, the leading agriculture sector in terms of number of farms was beef farming. The county produced \$56,659,950 in gross farm receipts (excluding forest products), accounting for 10.4 percent of all gross farm receipts in the province, making Hants the second largest county in terms of agricultural production.

	2001	2006	% change	NS 2006	County/NS
Number of farms	336	343	+ 2.0%	3,795	9.03%
Total farm area (hectares)	36, 228	36,563	+0.92%	403,044	9.07%
Average size of farm (hectares)	108	107	-0.92 %	106	100%

	2001	2006	% change	NS 2006	County/NS
Gross farm receipts (exc forest products)	54,917,188	\$56,659,950	+3.1%	\$509,520,691	11.1%
Average per farm	\$163,444	\$165,189	+1.1%	\$134,261	123.0%



**Farms classified by industry (North American Industry Classification System), census year 2006,**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Percentage of Nova Scotia</b>
Total farms	343	9%
Beef cattle ranching and farming, including feedlots	77	11%
Dairy cattle and milk production	58	20%
Horse and other equine production	40	22%
Hay farming	33	12%
Fruit and tree-nut farming	31	3%
Livestock combination farming	14	9%
Nursery and tree production	14	3%
Other vegetables (except potato) and melon farming	13	10%
All other miscellaneous crop farming	12	10%
Other food crops grown under cover	9	29%
Chicken egg production	8	16%
Sheep farming	7	13%
Floriculture production	7	7%
Apiculture	5	20%
Goat farming	4	18%
Fur-bearing animal and rabbit production	3	3%
Hog and pig farming	2	4%
Broiler and other meat-type chicken production	2	3%
Turkey production	2	25%
Corn farming	1	17%
Fruit and vegetable combination farming	1	4%
Poultry hatcheries	0	0%
Combination poultry and egg production	0	0%
Other poultry production	0	0%
All other miscellaneous animal production	0	0%
Soybean farming	0	0%
Oilseed (except soybean) farming	0	0%
Dry pea and bean farming	0	0%
Wheat farming	0	0%
Other grain farming	0	0%
Potato farming	0	0%
Mushroom production	0	0%
Tobacco farming	0	0%

<b>Farms classified by gross farm receipts</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
Under \$10,000	118
\$10,000 to \$24,999	77
\$25,000 to \$49,999	35
\$50,000 to \$99,999	20
\$100,000 to \$249,999	43
\$250,000 to \$499,999	21
\$500,000 to \$999,999	17
\$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999	7
\$2,000,000 and up	5

<b>Operator Characteristics</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
Total number of operators	500
Total male operators	350
Total female operators	140
Average age of principle operator	50.8