

# Nova Scotia Agriculture and Agri-food Snapshot 2014



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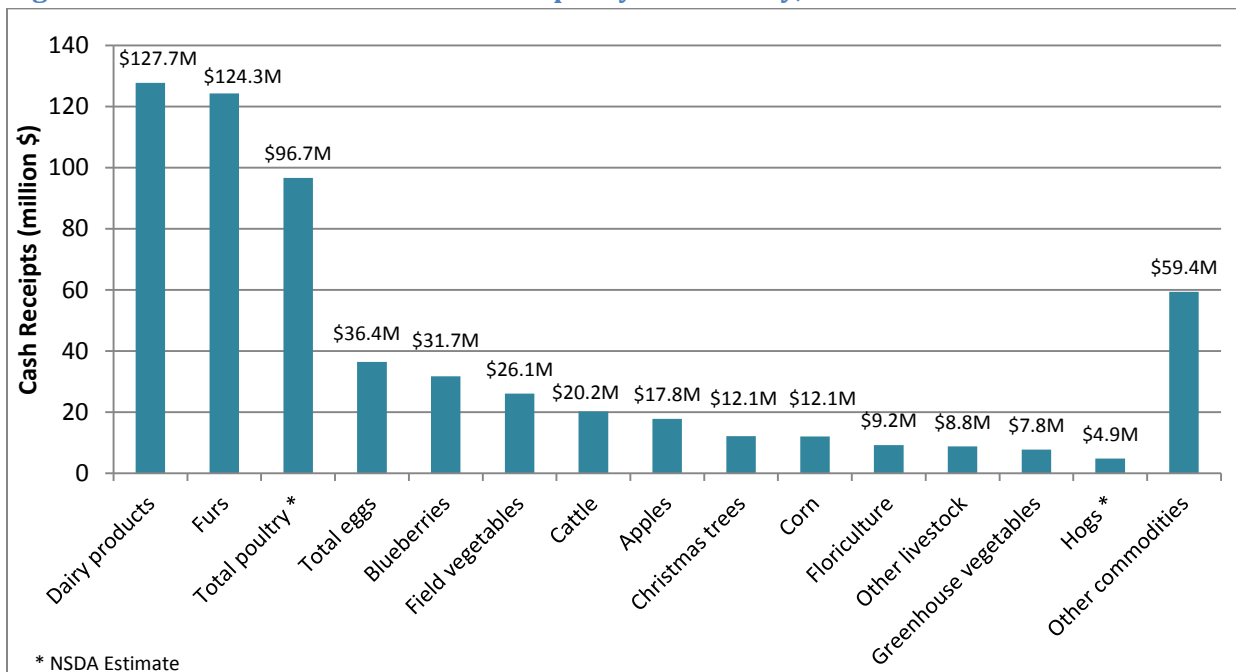
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## I. Farm Cash Receipts & Processing Revenues

- In 2013, farm cash receipts for Nova Scotia’s agriculture sector reached \$595.4 million, a 2.6% increase over 2012.
- Dairy, fur and poultry continue to account for the majority of farm cash receipts. When combined, these commodities accounted for over 58% of cash receipts in 2013.
- Other major contributors to farm cash receipts include eggs, blueberries, field vegetables, cattle and apples. In total, these commodities accounted for over \$132 million (22%) of farm cash receipts in 2013.

**Figure 1.1 – Nova Scotia Farm Cash Receipts by Commodity, 2013**



- Compared to 2012, there were notable increases in cash receipts for greenhouse vegetables, blueberries, field vegetables and corn of \$2.7M (53%), \$3.6M (13%), \$4.8M (23%) and \$1.8M (17%), respectively.
- Total revenues from agri-food processing exceeded \$1.2 billion in 2012, up 1.6% from 2011.

**Table 1.1 Revenues and Expenses for Nova Scotia Agri-food Processing, 2009 to 2012 (\$x1000)**

Principal statistics	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>Total revenue</b>	1,167,762	1,161,044	1,209,927	1,229,303
<b>Total expenses</b>	1,031,536	1,083,242	1,081,473	1,162,312
<b>Total salaries and wages, direct and indirect labour</b>	133,237	144,706	127,228	129,923
<b>Total cost of energy, water utility and vehicle fuel</b>	27,562	29,033	29,494	31,351
<b>Cost of materials and supplies</b>	658,497	708,824	729,349	805,583

## II. Economic Output

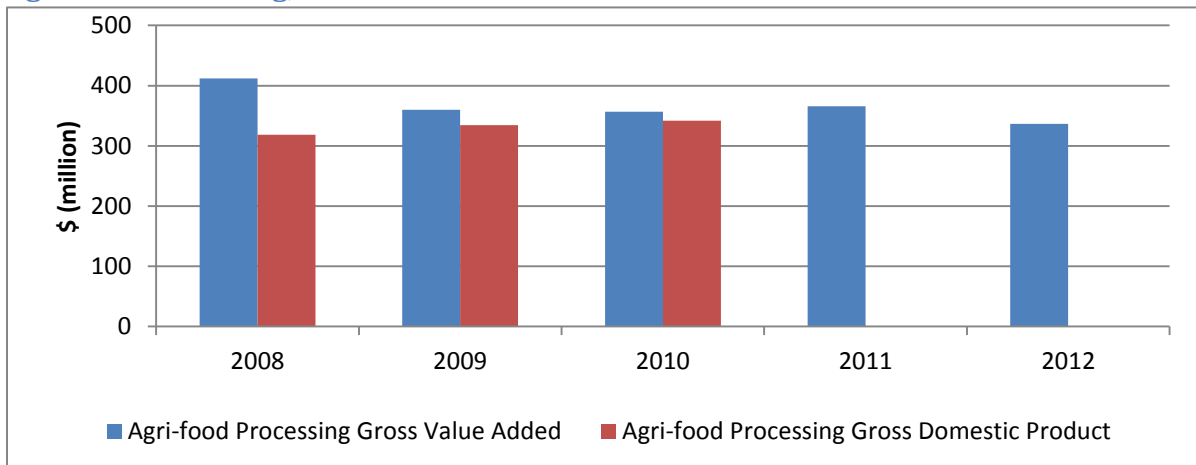
- In 2010, the contribution to Nova Scotia's economy from primary agriculture, as measured by gross domestic product (GDP), was approximately \$222 million (0.7% of the provincial economy).
- Gross value added estimates increased from \$214 million in 2010 to \$259 million in 2012, suggesting that agriculture GDP has likely increased by 20% over the same time period as well.

**Figure 2.1 - Gross Domestic Product and Gross Value Added Estimates for Nova Scotia Agriculture, 2008 to 2012**



- The agri-food processing sector contributed over \$342 million (1.0%) to the provincial economy in 2010.
- Given the change in published gross value added estimates, agri-food processing GDP has likely decreased 6% from 2010 to 2012.

**Figure 2.2 - Gross Domestic Product and Gross Value Added Estimates for Nova Scotia Agri-food Processing, 2008 to 2012**



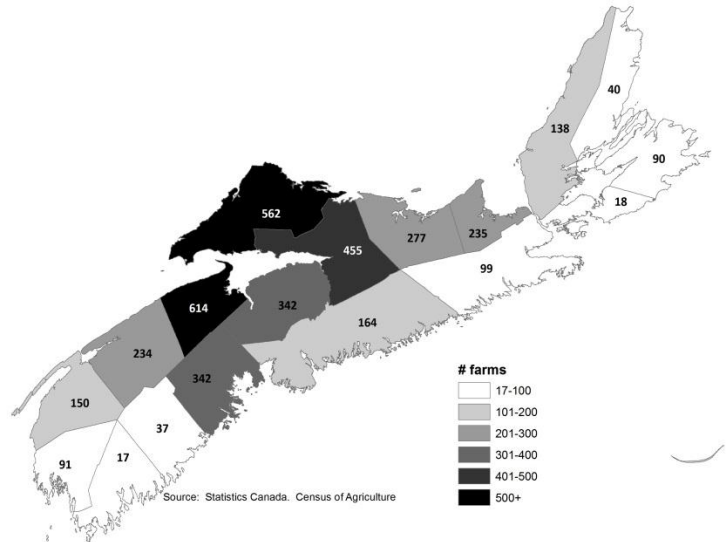
### III. Agri-food Operations

- According to Statistics Canada’s 2011 Census of Agriculture, there were 3,905 farms in Nova Scotia in 2011, an increase of 2.9% over the 2006 census.
- There were over 200 active agri-food processing operations in 2013.

**Table 3.1 - Nova Scotia Farm Operations by Farm Type, 2011**

Farm Type	Number
Beef cattle	441
Dairy cattle	257
Hog	21
Poultry and egg	156
Sheep	80
Goat	24
Horse and other equine	199
Fur	128
Other animal	223
Grain and Oilseed	50
Vegetable and melon farming	140
Fruit and tree nut	971
Greenhouse, nursery and floriculture	550
Maple	36
Other crop	629
<b>Total</b>	<b>3905</b>

**Figure 3.1 - Farm Operations by County, 2011**



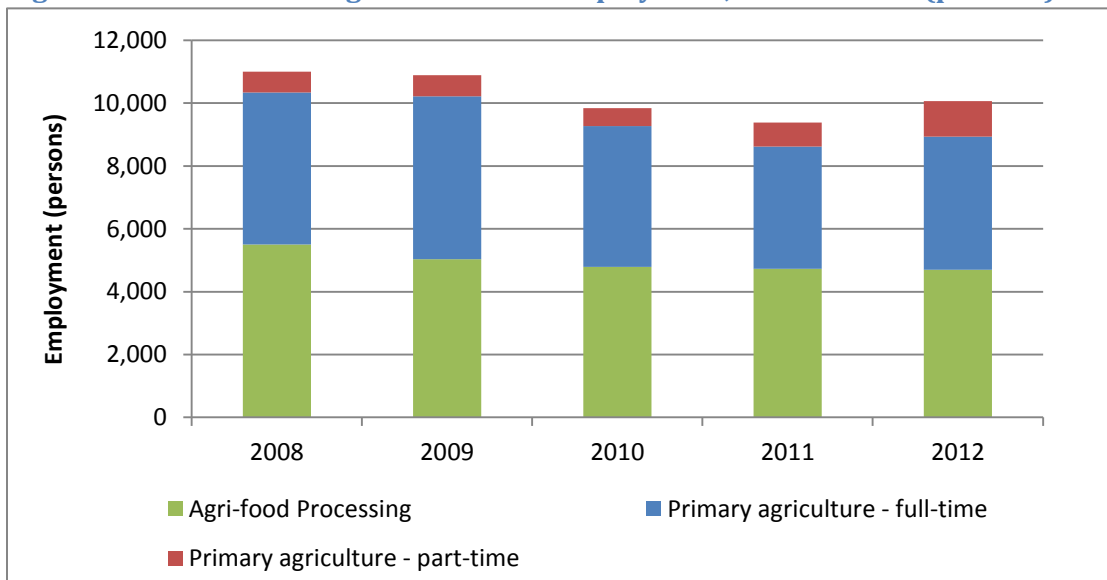
**Table 3.2 - Number of Active Nova Scotia Agri-food Processing Operations, 2013**

Processor Type	Number
Pet Food	13
Grain and Oilseed Processing	3
Confectionery	6
Frozen Food	5
Fruit and vegetable canning, pickling and drying	9
Dairy Processing	11
Meat Processing	23
Bakeries	60
Soft drink and ice manufacturing	13
Other food processing	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>202</b>

## IV. Employment

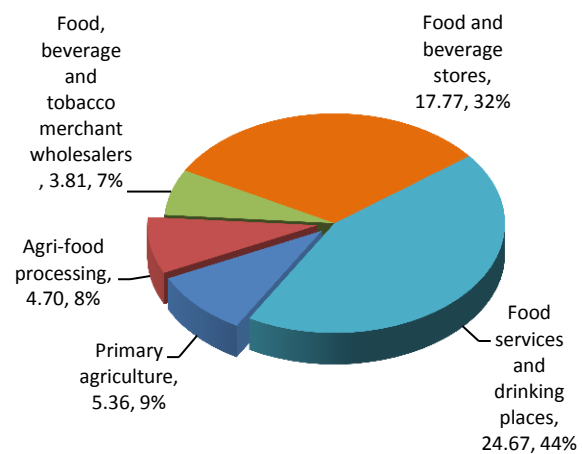
- Primary agriculture employed 5,361 Nova Scotians in 2012, up from 4,651 in 2011. Of the total employed in primary agriculture in 2012, 4,238 were full-time employees. Part-time employment increased from 768 employees in 2011 to 1,123 in 2012.
- Food and beverage manufacturing (excluding seafood) employed 4,700 people in 2012.
- Together, the NS agri-food industry (primary agriculture plus food manufacturing excluding seafood) employed a total of 10,061 people in 2012, an increase of 7.2% over 2011.

**Figure 4.1 - Nova Scotia Agri-food Sector Employment, 2008 to 2012 (persons)**



- The agri-food industry plus other food service sectors employed over 56,000 people in Nova Scotia in 2012, accounting for approximately 14% of all employment.
- Agri-food processing and primary agriculture paid approximately \$130 million and \$110 million in salaries and wages in 2012, respectively.

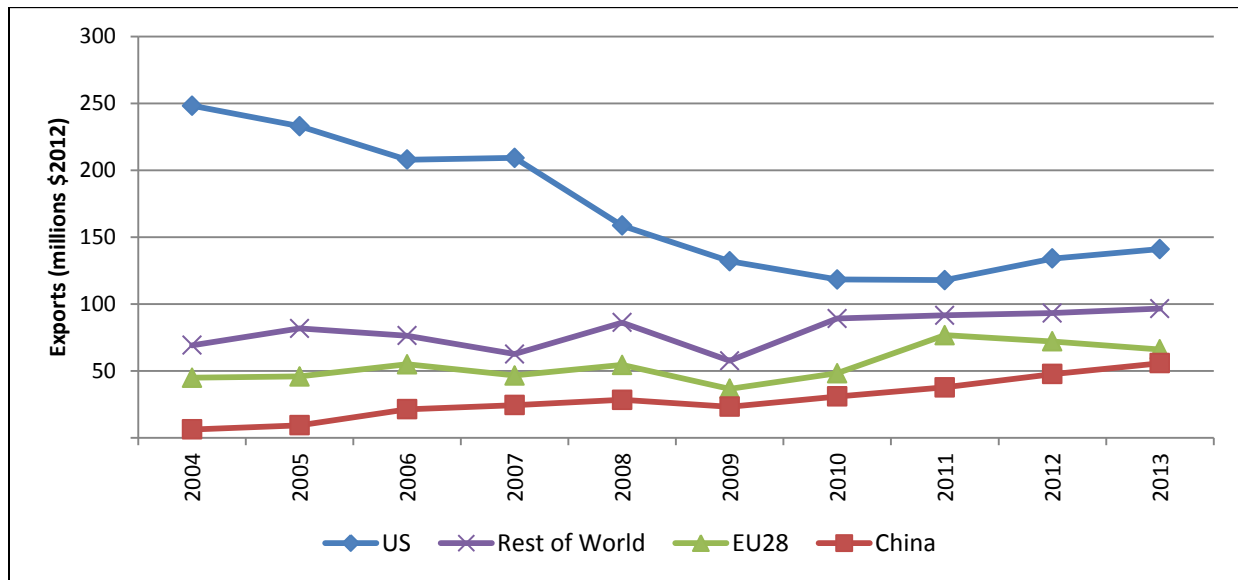
**Figure 4.2 - NS Agri-food and Other Food Sector Employment, 2012 (persons x 1000)**



## V. International Exports

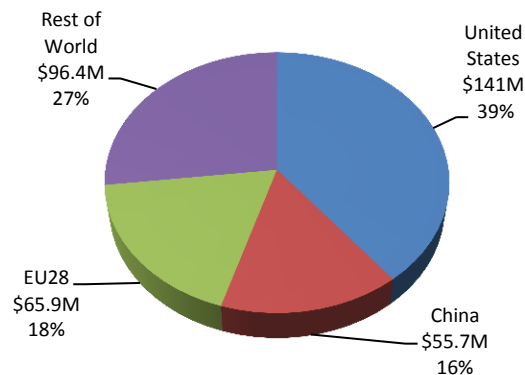
- International exports are a major driver of Nova Scotia’s agri-food sector, valued at approximately \$359 million in 2013.
- Mink is Nova Scotia’s largest agricultural export at \$124.2 million in 2013, while blueberries are the second largest at \$100.3 million. Other notable exports include vegetables, bread and baked goods, and prepared animal feed, which in total accounted for \$52.5 million of international exports in 2013.

**Figure 5.1 - International Exports of Nova Scotia Agri-food Products by Major Destination, 2004 to 2013**



- The United States is the largest and most diverse consumer of Nova Scotia exports. The US accounted for \$141 million of the province’s agri-food exports in 2013.
- The EU 28 is the second largest consumer of Nova Scotia’s agri-food exports, at \$65.9 million in 2013. In terms of value, blueberries accounted for 63% of agri-food exports to the EU28 in 2013.
- China is the third largest export destination for Nova Scotia’s agri-food products. Agri-food exports to China were valued at \$55.7 million in 2013, almost all of which were mink pelts (approximately \$49.8 million).

**Figure 5.2 - International Exports of Nova Scotia Agri-food Products, 2013 (millions \$)**



## VI. User Information

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### Symbols

This report uses the following standard symbols used by Statistics Canada:

.	not available for any reference period
..	not available for a specific reference period
...	not applicable
0	true zero or a value rounded to zero
p	preliminary
r	revised
x	suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the Statistics Act
E	use with caution
F	too unreliable to be published

### Data Sources, Concepts and Sources

The data contained in this document were derived from statistical reports produced by the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture, which are available at <http://novascotia.ca/agri/programs-and-services/research-and-statistics/agriculture-statistics/>. These statistical reports provide additional information on the topics presented in this document, as well as details on the concepts, methods and data sources.