



Presentation to Inverness County

March 2021

Introduction



History of Food Production in Cape Breton

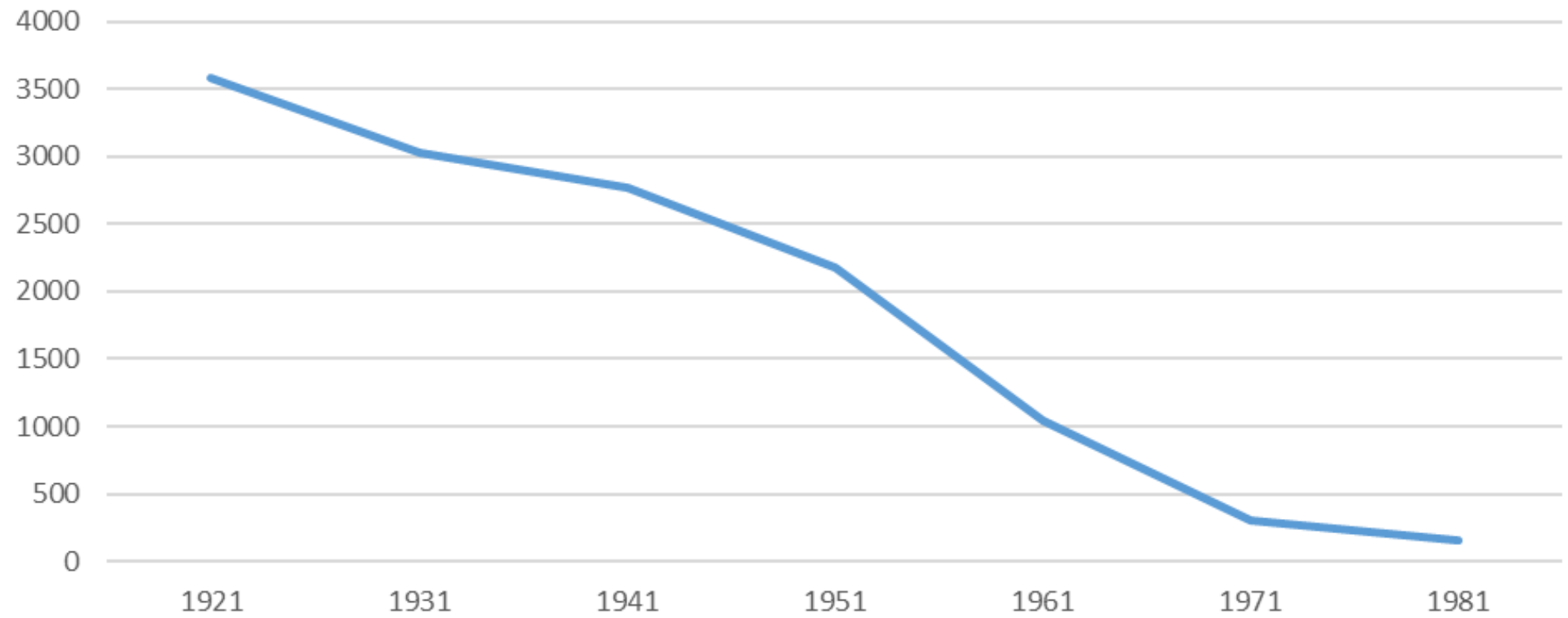
- **First Nations Subsistence**
- **Small Scale Farmers/Settlers**
- **Vital Fisheries**



Farming in Cape Breton

County	Number of Farms		No. of Operators (2016)	Gross Farm Receipts (\$) (2016)	Average receipt/farm (\$) (2016)	Average expenses to receipts (2016)	Average Operator Age
	2011	2016					
Cape Breton Co.	90	75	100	10,440,000	139,141	0.67	59.4
Victoria	40	33	45	421,754	12,780	1.26	59.9
Inverness	138	110	175	11,910,000	108,323	0.89	56.3
Richmond	18	17	20	608,233	25,091	1.24	56.7
Total Cape Breton	286	235	340	23,379,987	71,334	1.015	58.08

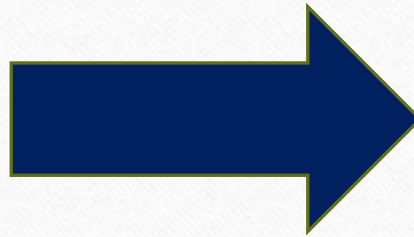
Decline In Farms Inverness County 1921 to 1981



Cape Breton Food Hub – Rooted in Inverness County!

We Make it Easy to Get Products from Local Producers to the Hands of Local Consumers.

Video - [here](#)



Educational And Food Security Activities



- Monthly Newsletters
- Workshops
- Social Media
- Healthy Eating Education
- Cost Share for Low Income Families
- Monthly Producer Farm Tours
- Gatherings
- Meet and Greet

COVID-19 Response

- Home Delivery Across CB
- Share the Harvest Program

- “I was not eligible for federal cv 19 relief.. My employment sector was shut down. I have no ei. Forced to apply for social assistance and the benefits for a single person are extremely limited. As a cancer survivor. I need to have access to nutritional food to build my immune system and maintain the good health I have. This civic crises has pushed me into a level of poverty that unfortunately threatens my overall well-being so any supports are appreciated.”

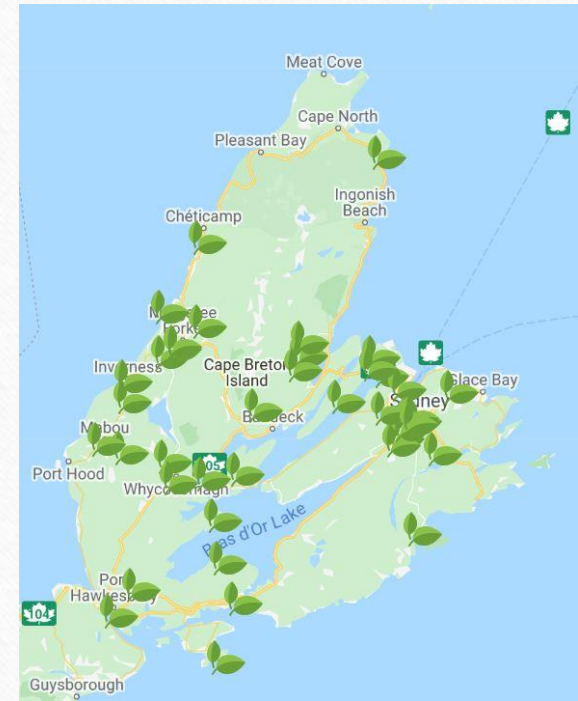


IMPACTS



Presence in Inverness County

- 17 Producers in the county
- 2 Producer drop off points
- Home Delivery
- Share the Harvest
- Restaurants



\$ Economic Impact for Inverness County \$

- 2021 Paid to Inverness Co Producers \$ 116,899.00
- Minister of Ag estimates 7 to 1 economic return on local food sales = \$ 818,293.00

Producer Impact



“Being from the west side of Cape Breton, we have good agricultural land but it is too rural. The Food Hub taps into the urban market in places my produce would not reach, like Sydney.”

Peter LeBlanc
Front Porch Farm



The Ask

The Pan Cape Breton Food Hub Co-operative seeks a grant of \$15,000.00 from each of the four municipalities in Cape Breton, including the Municipality of Inverness County.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.



Questions?

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