



## REPORTING DOCUMENT 2017

### LOBBYING

<p>Pressed the government on multiple occasions to bring changes to legislation to provide the ability to enforce the Agriculture Land Policy in terms of protection, topsoil stripping, the Farm Land Identification Program, developing a Statement of Provincial Interest for agriculture and provide mechanisms to control farmland investment funds. With 2018 being a provincial election year, the Alliance will press all political parties to include these in their respective platforms.</p>	<p>The Alliance was actively involved in providing recommendations for the Canadian Agriculture Partnership framework including improvements to the Business Risk Management programs, continuation and enhancement of the Environmental Farm Plan, continuation of the Ag in the Classroom program, further support for soil health and agriculture land enhancement initiatives, support for young farmers and new entrants, continued focus on research and innovation, continued support for market development, and the implementation of a farm safety program for New Brunswick.</p>
<p>Continued to press the Minister of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour for similar exemptions in other provinces in terms of overtime rates and options to address increasing workmen’s compensation rates.</p>	<p>Developing a website for new entrants that includes an inventory of agricultural land for sale and lease, and farms for sale</p>
<p>The Alliance’s continues to press government to bring the farm plate registration fees in line with the other provinces. The Alliance submitted comments for a National survey of the Task Force on Trucking Harmonization and highlighted issues with the lack of harmonization with weight limits, farm plate regulations and single trip permits requirements among provinces as being critical issues for our sector.</p>	<p>Met on numerous occasions with provincial government senior officials from various Departments to address resolutions and other agriculture related issues, including a meeting with various departments officials affiliated with our 2017 resolutions</p>
	<p>Involved with the development of the Cooperation in Agri-Food NB cooperative. Christian Michaud, Alliance’s 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President sits on their Board of Directors.</p>
<p>Began administrating the NB Young Farmers Forum</p>	<p>Acted upon the resolutions passed at the 2015, 2016 and 2017 Annual General Meeting and other ongoing issues by developing an annual work plan.</p>
<p>Launch of the NB Agriculture in the Classroom Program</p>	<p>Wrote to Premier Gallant to express our support towards directing the NB Chief Medical Officer to update the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health (OCMOH) on Glyphosate Usage in the Province within the next year and to delay any decisions on glyphosate usage until the report is tabled.</p>
<p>Wildlife Damage- successful in the continuation of the Nuisance Deer Management Assistance Program. Currently in discussions with the Department of Energy and Resource Development to address agricultural damage caused by bears.</p>	
<p>Made a presentation to the Senate Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry to voice our position on the potential impacts of the effects of climate change on the agriculture, agri-food and forestry sectors and the impacts of a carbon tax or cap and trade system on our industry. Successful in protecting the existing exemption for producers in terms of fuel tax. The Alliance continues to monitor the file very closely.</p>	<p>Joined forces with the Canadian Federation of Agriculture to voice our concerns with NB MPs over the proposed federal tax changes, food policy, food guide, safe food for Canadians Act and the proposed front-of pack labelling</p>
	<p>Met with senior officials from the Department of Public Safety to address trespassing enforcement issues and request awareness enhancement among the public for trespassing on agricultural land for both hunters and recreational vehicle users</p>
<p>Successful with the continuation of the Rural Road Enhancement Program for non-designated roads utilized for agriculture activities.</p>	<p>Participated in a meeting with the Atlantic Federations of Agriculture and the Atlantic Deputy Ministers with the purpose of finding solutions on how to address public trust in the Atlantic provinces.</p>

MEMBER SERVICES	ENVIRONMENT, PROGRAMS and PROJECTS	COLLABORATION, PARTNERSHIP & COMMUNICATIONS
Exclusive Membership Benefits	Completed the Environmental Farm Plan survey for New Brunswick	Member of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture
Organized a Canada GAP workshop in 2017 and welding workshops. More workshops planned for 2018	Continuing to administer the North West Agri-Environmental Club (CCNO) & North East Agri-Environmental Club (CCNE)	Member of the Canadian Agricultural Human Resource Council and representation on the Board of Directors
Health Plan through the Dairy Farmers of New Brunswick	John Russell and Maarten Van Oord attended the 2 <sup>nd</sup> National EFP conference	Monthly Activity Reports and Biannual Newsletters
Promoted courses, training and events in our communications and on our website and activity reports	Administrator of the Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) <b>700</b> operations with valid certificate (less than five years old). Exploring improvements to the program for the next 5 years, including updating the existing version	Participated in consultations led by the Dalhousie University for the development of their LEAD Atlantic Program
Education & Training Section on Alliance website		Advisory Commodity Group
Two way communications among members and staff	Provided recommendations for the NB Water Strategy	Part of a provincial farm training round table
Plastic Mulch Program	Continuing collaboration with the Eastern Canada Soil and Water Conservation Centre & NB Soil and Crop Improvement Association	Partnered with “Agriculture More than Ever Initiative”
Promoted the agricultural industry at the NB Provincial Exposition and other events		Supporter of the Provincial Government “Buy Local Campaign”
Surveyed members throughout the year	Increasing collaboration between the Department of Environment & Local Government, Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fisheries to develop a Watercourse and Wetland Alteration Permit Fact Sheet	Member of the Canadian Agriculture Safety Association (CASA)
James Robb Award, New Entrant Award and Innovation Award		Social Media- promoting facts and a positive image of the agricultural industry
Organizer of the Open Farm Day event in New Brunswick	John Russell, EFP coordinator, is acting as an advisor for the Petitcodiac Watershed Alliance	Member of the Atlantic Federation of Agriculture (AFA)
New Agriculture Education Ambassador Award	John Russell is a member of the NB Environment Network’s Team for Sustainable Farming	Atlantic Veterinary College representation on the Advisory Council
	Josée Albert is a member of the Watershed Management Working Group	