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## January 2017- eActivity Report

### Rapport d'activité électronique– janvier 2017

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agriculture industry  
Favoriser une industrie de l'agriculture  
durable et rentable*

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## January 2017 eActivity Report

### **1) Annual General Meeting- Another Great Success!**

#### **Press Release:**

At the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Agricultural Alliance of New Brunswick (AANB), held on January 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017, delegates and guests gathered in great numbers to review the AANB's 2016 accomplishments, identify future challenges facing New Brunswick agriculture and to hear what lies ahead in 2017 for the AANB.

“2016 has been very successful for the AANB; we strived to safeguard our industry on multiple fronts and acted proactively on key policies and programs and promoted the agricultural industry. Certainly the key highlight was the announcement of the New Brunswick Agriculture Land Policy by Hon. Rick Doucet, Minister of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries. We are very grateful that the provincial government recognizes the contribution of our sector to the economy, its growth potential and the importance of protecting agricultural land for this moment being and for generations to come” said Mike Bouma, AANB President.

President Bouma noted, in particular, that during the meeting, Hon. Rick Doucet, re-enforced its commitment to work in collaboration with industry toward the implementation of the 2016-2018 Agriculture Industry Action Plan and the of the Provincial Local Food and Beverage Strategy.

Amy Matheson and Aaron Law provided the delegates and other guests key examples on how to engage consumers in everyday conversations and on social media.

Faith Matchett, Farm Credit Canada, inspired delegates and guests to “talk agriculture” and to increase the opportunities to showcase our sectors and invited producers to the upcoming FCC Forum that will take place on March 11<sup>th</sup> in Moncton. Janet Steele, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, provided an update on the next policy framework and the Department.

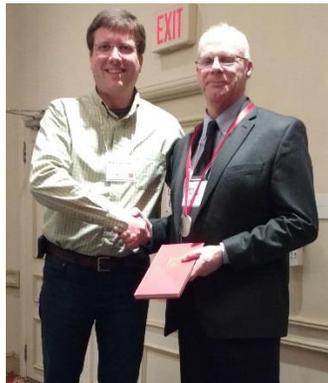
An update from several of our industry partners was received throughout the meeting on the following topics: Social Media Toolkit for Producers, National Environment Farm Plan Initiative, NB labour market forecast to 2025, and the impacts of climate change and carbon taxation on the agriculture industry.

- Delegates also discussed and approved a number of resolutions that will give direction to the Board on issues and challenges the AANB should address in the year ahead. Foremost among these were: Addressing the bear population challenges in the province;
- Bringing the farm plate registration fees in line with our neighboring provinces;
- Enhancing the existing Rural Road Enhancement Pilot Project;
- Providing recommendations to improve the AgriStability and AgriInvest Programs;
- The development of a short course for high school and community colleges to better prepare the work force for agriculture related employment;
- Supporting the Energy East Pipeline while ensuring that producers and landowners are treated fairly and equitably and not held liable for any situation arising from the pipeline;
- Ensuring that producers are properly and fairly compensated for their stewardship toward the environment;
- Changing the hunting regulations to require a written consent from producer/landowner to enter farmland;
- Protecting all primary producers from the negative effects of the carbon tax, and;
- Enhancing the approval system of the Agriculture Land Enhancement Program

In addition, a motion to request that the Alliance look into addressing the issues relating to farmland investment funds was passed.

A number of producers and individuals were recognized for their contribution to New Brunswick Agriculture.

- Kevin McCully was presented with the James Robb Agrologist Award in recognition of his untiring commitment towards agricultural producers. The prize was presented by Andrew Lovell, director of the Alliance;



- Ryan Taylor and Robyn McCallum were presented with the New Entrant Award, presented by David Brennan of Farm Credit Canada;



- Samuel Bourgeois was presented with the Innovation Award, presented by Jay Labonte of Farm Credit Canada;



- Nicole Williams was presented with the Ambassador Award for her long term support and commitment to the Alliance and the agricultural industry. The prize was presented by Mike Bouma, president of the Alliance.



Mike Bouma was elected as President of the Alliance for a third consecutive year. Also on the Alliance Executive:

- Christian Michaud, First Vice-President
- Lisa Ashworth, Second Vice-President
- Marc Ouellet, Secretary; and
- Mike Slocum, Treasurer.

2) **Seeking Your Input- Next Policy Framework- Non-Business Risk Management Survey**

Following a request from the Alliance, the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fisheries will soon be launching a survey receive your input on what you think should change and/or not change for the non-Business Risk Management suite of programs under the Next Policy Framework.

We invite you to take advantage of this great opportunity to assist the Department in setting priorities for program development for the next policy framework. The survey is expected to be launched in mid-February and we will share further information once it becomes available.

3) **Business Risk Management Programs- Information Session**

**Registration Form Enclosed**



## Business Risk Management Programs Information Session



Not familiar with the AgriStability, AgriInvest and/or the AgriInsurance Programs? Would you like to know how to further take advantage of these programs? Want the opportunity to ask questions to government staff?

*Then these sessions are for you!*

Date	Location	Time (will be based on demand)
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Moncton (specific location to be determined)	9 am-11 am (French)
		1 pm- 3 pm (English)
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	St-André (specific location to be determined)	9 am-11 am (French)
		1 pm- 3 pm (English)
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Wicklow (specific location to be determined)	9 am-11 am (French)
		1 pm- 3 pm (English)
March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Fredericton (specific location to be determined)	9 am-11 am (French)
		1 pm- 3 pm (English)
March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Tracadie (specific location to be determined)	9 am-11 am (French)
		1 pm- 3 pm (English)
March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sussex (specific location to be determined)	9 am-11 am (French)
		1 pm- 3 pm (English)

Please register by completing the form enclosed and send to:  
alliancefermenbfarm.ca or by calling our office at (506) 452-8101



THERE IS NO COST TO ATTEND THE SESSIONS. PLEASE REGISTER BEFORE MARCH 3RD 2017

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**4) Meeting between the Alliance's Executive Committee and Senior Staff from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency**

The Alliance's executive committee members met with senior staff from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency in early January. The meeting provided an excellent opportunity to receive an update and the priorities from each attendee. Areas of collaboration such as promoting events and positive messages for agriculture in general and taking advantage of the Alliance's members communication to share important industry messages. On its side, the Alliance shared the key priorities of the 2016-2018 Agriculture Industry Action Plan; we highlighted the importance of the Federal government to take leadership in better protecting agricultural land for Canada, supporting for new entrants and addressing labour shortages.

**5) New Environment Farm Plan Coordinator**

We are pleased to announce that Camille Coulombe has joined our team and has taken the responsibilities of coordinator for the Environmental Farm Plan. Camille is fully bilingual and is looking forward assisting you in developing or updating your EFP!

Call Camille at (506) 452-8101 or email her at: [efp-pfe@fermenbfarm.ca](mailto:efp-pfe@fermenbfarm.ca)



**6) Meeting with NB Power and Department of Transportation and Infrastructure**

Alliance representatives met with senior NB Power and Department of Transportation and Infrastructure staff to discuss issues regarding the Mactaquac Dam and erosion in the Keswick Ridge area. The meeting was very positive. We were informed that the current vehicle traffic route will not be changed as previously thought. In addition, NB Power staff committed to review a study conducted in March 2010 looking at addressing erosion along the Keswick Islands and meet us again in March 2017. We will keep you up to date as we progress on this matter.

## 7) One Day Welding Workshop for Agricultural Producers

Registration form enclosed

The poster is titled "One day welding workshop for agricultural producers" in a large, white, serif font against a green background. Below the title, the text "DATES & LOCATIONS" is in bold. The locations listed are "Woodstock Community College- February 18th 2017" and "Moncton Community College- February 20th 2017". A red stamp over the Moncton location reads "Moncton Session Full". To the right, registration information includes: "Register by contacting the AANB by phone at (506) 452-8101 or email: [alliance@fermeNBfarm.ca](mailto:alliance@fermeNBfarm.ca) Cost: \$ 30". A note states "\* Simultaneous translation available\* - lunch will not be provided -". At the bottom right, it says "Spaces are limited- Register Soon one participant per farm" flanked by three horizontal lines. The bottom section lists organizers, sponsors, and deliverers with their respective logos: "Organized by: Alliance of NB \* agricole du N.-B.", "Sponsored by: Growing Forward 2, New Brunswick, and Canada", and "Delivered by: NBCC COLLEGEWORKS".

## 8) Plastic Mulch Program

As a service to its registered paid members, the Agricultural Alliance of N.B. is offering a bulk purchase program for plastic mulch. Once all orders are in, six drop off points nearest to your destination will be decided. For more information and obtain the price list please call the office (506-452-8101) or [alliance@fermeNBfarm.ca](mailto:alliance@fermeNBfarm.ca)

## 9) Sustainable Cropping System Survey for Maritime Farmers

You are invited to take part in a research study being conducted by Laura O'Quinn. Honor degree student in agricultural science and international business at Dalhousie University. The purpose of the survey is to determine reasons for adopting certain sustainable practices, the barriers that exist for using these practices, and the incentives that would be needed to encourage adoption. The survey will aim to gather the tendencies and opinions of farmers in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

The survey will take approximately 15-20 minutes and will ask questions about the type of farm you have, your use of certain sustainable practices, any barriers that you consider are limiting your use of these practices, and incentives that would be necessary to increase the use of these practices.

The survey is open until March 1<sup>st</sup> and is only available in English. Click [here](#) to obtain further information and complete the survey.

## 10) **Environmental Farm Plan**

The coordinators of the Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) will be in the regions below in the coming months. Please contact John Russell or Camille Coulombe at 506-452-8101 or [efp-pfe@fermenbfarm.ca](mailto:efp-pfe@fermenbfarm.ca) to schedule an appointment or receive information about the workshops.

### **February 2017**

First two weeks - Region 5 (Centre) and Region 1 (North-west)

Last two weeks - Region 6 (Center-West / Wicklow)

### **February / March 2017**

February 27, 2017- March 3, 2017 – Workshops to update EFPs in the province

### **March 2017**

First two weeks - Region 4 (Center-South / Sussex)

Last two weeks - Region 3 (South-East / Moncton) and Region 2 (North-East)

## 11) **Notices**

**Agri-Invest and Agri-Stability programs:** Please see below for the upcoming deadlines for these programs.

### **2016 AgrilInvest:**

#### **2016 AgrilInvest Application (without penalty)**

- September 30, 2017: Deadline to submit the 2016 AgrilInvest application without penalty.

#### **2016 AgrilInvest Application (with penalty)**

- December 31, 2017: Deadline to submit the 2016 AgrilInvest application with penalty.

#### **2016 AgrilInvest Deposit Deadline**

- 90 days from the date of your 2016 AgrilInvest Deposit Notice

### **2016 AgriStability Deadlines:**

#### **2016 AgriStability Interim Payment Application Deadline**

- March 31, 2017: 2016 Interim Payment Application deadline.

#### **2016 AgriStability/AgrilInvest Harmonized Form without penalty**

- September 30, 2017: Deadline to submit the 2016 AgriStability/AgrilInvest Harmonized Form without penalty.

#### 2016 AgriStability/AgrilInvest Harmonized Form with penalty

- December 31, 2017: Deadline to submit the 2016 AgriStability/AgrilInvest Harmonized Form with penalty.

Note: If a deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or statutory holiday, you have until the next business day to meet that deadline.

AgriStability is delivered in Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador and Yukon by the federal government. The information on this website refers to deadlines and other delivery details for these provinces only.

**Mentorship Program:** Please see the poster attached for more details.

#### **Worksafe NB - Buyer Beware - WHMIS Training**

WorkSafeNB has learned that companies are contacting New Brunswick employers telling them they must retrain all staff on Workplace Hazardous Material Information System (WHMIS). To convince employers to register for their course, the companies suggest the employers are not in compliance with provincial labour laws.

The training company implies they are affiliated with provincial occupational health and safety regulators - they are not. WorkSafeNB reminds New Brunswickers that we have no affiliation with these companies.

If you have any questions about WHMIS training or the WHMIS program in general, see WHMIS page or review the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System regulation.

## **GNB Red Tape Survey**



### **Help us find and cut red tape!**

Your government is committed to creating jobs in New Brunswick. And a key to achieving that goal is creating an environment where businesses can thrive. In order to understand what companies experience when dealing with government, we are examining how regulations and services are delivered.

Please help us identify opportunities to speed up, simplify and streamline our services by completing this short survey on red tape.

#### ***CLICK HERE TO PROVIDE YOUR INPUT***

Thank you for helping us improve government services for all New Brunswick businesses.

### **Aidez-nous à trouver les lourdeurs administratives et à les réduire!**

Le gouvernement s'est engagé à créer des emplois au Nouveau-Brunswick. Un des éléments clés pour réaliser cet objectif est de créer un environnement où les entreprises peuvent prospérer. Afin de mieux comprendre l'expérience des entreprises lorsqu'elles ont des interactions avec le gouvernement, nous examinons la façon dont les règlements sont appliqués et les services gouvernementaux offerts.

Aidez-nous à trouver des possibilités d'accélérer, de simplifier et de rationaliser nos services en remplissant un court sondage sur les formalités administratives.

#### ***CLIQUEZ ICI POUR DONNER VOTRE AVIS***

Nous vous remercions de toute l'aide que vous pourrez nous apporter pour améliorer les services gouvernementaux offerts à l'ensemble des entreprises du Nouveau-Brunswick.



For further information-

#### **Tweet**

English - [https://twitter.com/Gov\\_NB/status/823872877187465216](https://twitter.com/Gov_NB/status/823872877187465216)

French - [https://twitter.com/Gouv\\_NB/status/823873059241291776](https://twitter.com/Gouv_NB/status/823873059241291776)

#### **Facebook**

French - <https://www.facebook.com/GouvNB/posts/1131083390323137>

English - <https://www.facebook.com/GovNB/posts/809196469243088>

#### **Survey links**

English – <https://www.gnb.ca/redtapesurvey>

French – <https://www.gnb.ca/sondagepaperasserie>

## **Selection Process for Farm Credit Canada Board of Directors**

Please see below a letter from Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada regarding the selection of new directors for the Farm Credit Canada Board of Directors:

Dear Stakeholder:

On February 25, 2016, the Prime Minister announced a new process for Governor in Council appointments. This new process supports an open, transparent, and merit-based selection process focused on identifying high-quality candidates who demonstrate Canada's diversity.

This new process will be used to select new directors for the Farm Credit Canada Board of Directors. I am writing to you to seek your assistance in promoting this selection process.

To ensure that Farm Credit Canada continues to effectively deliver on its mandate, we are looking for candidates with a range of experience, including senior management experience in a multiple branch, credit-granting retail financial institution, candidates with a deep knowledge of financial-institution risk issues, as well as candidates who have a good understanding of the workings of the agricultural sector.

I encourage you to inform your members of this opportunity and invite interested candidates to apply at the following website: <https://www.appointments-nominations.gc.ca/slctnPrCs.asp?menu=1&lang=eng&SelectionProcessId=3EBEFCF5-1918-42A3-A296-0B5A88860750>.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,  
Lawrence MacAulay, PC, MP

**Financial assistance is being offered to help cover costs  
for 25 additional young farmers to attend**

the 2017 Canadian Young Farmers' Forum Conference  
in Ottawa in February

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LA TABLE PONSACARIENNE DE LA RELIQUA AGRICOLE

**thanks to a new opportunity  
from Farm Management Canada!**



FARM MANAGEMENT CANADA  
GESTION AGRICOLE DU CANADA

FMC and CYFF are seeking 25 young farmers to take part in the CYFF 2017 Annual National Conference and provide input into the development of Farm Management Canada's new "AgriShield® Risk Management Tool for the Canadian Agricultural Industry"

To register for this offer, go to <http://cyff.ca/annual-conference-meeting/> and complete the registration form; for question #19 answer YES and fill in the promo code FMC/RMT in the field (name of company/organization).

To access the registration form, please click [here](#).

## 12) UPCOMING EVENTS

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is holding webinars on proposals to modernize the food labelling system. The webinars will review the reasons for change, present highlights of what we heard from our first phases of consultations and outline the proposals for a more modern food labelling system and for a new approach for truthful and not misleading food labelling.

Your input is important and will help guide the development of a more modern and innovative food labelling system.

### English Session: Industry Stakeholders

Friday February 10, 2017

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)

[Register here](#)

Once you register, you will receive confirmation of your participation by email from [messenger@webex.com](mailto:messenger@webex.com).

These webinars are part of the [CFIA's](#) and [Health Canada's](#) ongoing work to modernize food labelling in Canada. For more information, please [contact us](#)

**2nd Annual Atlantic Young Farmer Training Event - Bridging the Gap: Succession & Transition Planning Workshop for Farm Families! - Glengarry Hotel - Truro, Nova Scotia - February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Register for Bridging the Gap: Succession & Transition Planning here:

[www.dal.ca/faculty/agriculture/extended-learning/programs-courses/professional-development/BTG.html](http://www.dal.ca/faculty/agriculture/extended-learning/programs-courses/professional-development/BTG.html)

**Innovate for Value Chain Management - Dalhousie Agricultural Campus - Bible Hill, Nova Scotia - February 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Register for Innovate for Value Chain Management here:

[www.dal.ca/faculty/agriculture/extended-learning/programs-courses/professional-development/AYF17innovate.html](http://www.dal.ca/faculty/agriculture/extended-learning/programs-courses/professional-development/AYF17innovate.html)

**10<sup>th</sup> NB Organic Forum - Centre communautaire Sainte-Anne, Richard Hatfield Room 715 Priestman Street, Fredericton, NB – February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

For more information and to register, please click [here](#).

**Holistic Farm Life: A 2-Day Workshop to Evaluate and Set Goals for Life on the Farm**

Holistic Farm Life Planning is a two-day intensive for farm families who are ready to embrace the opportunity to explore and begin to make a solid plan for the future of their farm. This experience will allow the participants to walk through a process that will provide them with an initial framework that will help to identify priorities and align these with their goals—both farm-related and personal. Ultimately, it will challenge farm families and farm business owners to create a vision of the life they want together on their farm, today and into the future.

Date: February 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Location: Riverside Resort & Conference Centre, 35 Mactaquac Road French Village, Fredericton

Registration and full details: <http://www.acornorganic.org/events/calendar/holistic-farm-life-workshop-new-brunswick>

**NB Soil and Crop Improvement Association Annual General Meeting and Technical Workshop – Moncton Crowne Plaza – February 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Please see the attached agenda for more information.

**Group Lift Truck courses have been scheduled for :**

SAINT JOHN – Feb 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017

MONCTON – Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017

One (1) day theory instruction on the safe use and operation of industrial lift trucks.

(Narrow Aisle and Rough Terrain Lift Trucks with Telescopic Reach are not included. These require a special course.)

Participants will receive a laminated wallet card and an operator kit.

Employers will receive certificates in a ROT (Record of Training) file.

**Price:**

\$ 150.00 or  
\$ 125.00 for 2-3  
\$ 100.00 for 4-5  
\$ 75.00 6+  
each + HST

To register, please visit our website [www.AllLiftTruckTraining.ca](http://www.AllLiftTruckTraining.ca) and click on the link for group courses. A confirmation e-mail will be sent to you giving location, time, etc. Or, register by return e-mail or by phone.

**Consultation on Proposed Safe Food for Canadians Regulations**

Join an information session and learn more about the proposed Safe Food for Canadians Regulations. The CFIA will be hosting in-person and web-based information sessions across the country in February and March 2017. For further information please visit the following event web site <http://inspection.sondages-surveys.ca/surveys/CFIA-ACIA/proposed-sfcr-info-session/?l=en>

**CSA Fair – The Atlantic Farmshare Network - Dieppe Rotary Pavilion 505 Melanson Road, Dieppe NB – March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

For more information please click [here](#).

**Atlantic Farm Women's Conference – Delta Halifax 1990 Barrington Street, Halifax, NS – April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

To view the conference agenda, please click [here](#).