



259 rue Brunswick Street
Fredericton (NB) E3B 1G8
506-452-8101
alliance@fermeNBfarm.ca
www.fermenbfarm.ca

July / August 2016- eActivity Report

Rapport d'activité électronique– juillet / août 2016

*To promote a sustainable and prosperous
agriculture industry
Favoriser une industrie de l'agriculture
durable et rentable*

eActivity Report - July-August 2016

1) 2017 Registered Professional Agricultural Producer (RPAP)/Purchasers' Permit Program Renewal

It is almost the time of year to renew your Registered Agricultural Producer (RPAP) and Purchasers' Permit. The renewal packages will be sent out in the near future and the form will also be available on the [Alliance's website](#). Do not forget that both expire on October 31st. We encourage you to select the Alliance as your general farm organization. Please contact us at (506) 452-8101 or alliance@fermeNBfarm.ca if you do not receive your registration form. Please see the enclosed promotional poster.

2) Energy East Pipeline Project

The Alliance has been approved intervenor status during the National Energy Board hearing process for the Energy East Pipeline project. We are seeking your input on the project to ensure that we reflect your comments and concerns during the hearing process. The Alliance will work in close collaboration with the NB Private Woodlot Owners since we share similar concerns and interests.

3) Bill C-274- Transfer of Small Business, Family Farm or Fishing Operations- Ending Unfair Taxation on Family Business Transfers

Alliance's and other agriculture industry representatives met with Mr. Guy Caron, MP for Rimouski-Neigette-Témiscouata-Les Basques to obtain further details on his Private Member's Bill to end unfair taxation on family business transfers. The Bill will further be debated this fall. The Bill would provide owners and buyers in the same family the same rights and privileges extended to non-related persons involved in a transaction. The Bill reflects the Alliance's 2015 resolution requesting that the Canadian Federation of Agriculture press for changes to the Federal Tax Income Act to end unfair taxation for intergenerational transfers.

The Alliance expressed its support for the Bill to Hon. Doucet, NB Minister of Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fisheries, Hon. Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Hon. Bardish Chagger, Federal Minister of Small Business and Tourism and Hon. Bill Morneau, Federal Minister of Finance. We will also be writing to New Brunswick Members of Parliament to seek their support.

If you are interested in obtain further information please visit: <http://guycaron.ndp.ca/bill-c-274-family-business-transfers>. Enclosed is a letter that you can sign and return to your MP and Minister of Finance, Bill Morneau. No postage is required.

4) Trespassing Signs

We are very pleased to announce that we received funding from NB Power, the ATV Federation of NB and the NB Federation of Snowmobiles to prepare 700 trespassing signs. Due to their limited numbers, we will need to allocate 2 signs per member. Please advise us if you would like additional signs and we will advise you if we have more signs available in few months. If we have a significant demand for the signs we will seek our options to develop further signs.

You can pick-up your sign (s) at the following regional department of agriculture office: St-André, Wicklow, Bathurst, Bouctouche, Moncton, Sussex and Fredericton. The signs can also be picked up at our office: 259 Brunswick Street-Suite 303, Fredericton.



In addition, we continue to work with our committee to develop awareness materials and key messages for newspapers and social media.

5) 2016 Nuisance Deer Management Assistance Program (Application date September 6th to October 31st 2016)

We are pleased to announce that the program will continue for a consecutive year. The Nuisance Deer Management Assistance Program (NDMAP) will allow Registered Agricultural Professional Producers (RAPP) who have experienced economic loss due to deer damage to receive special permits authorizing hunters to harvest ONE antlerless deer. The permits are issued to hunters who are chosen by the producer to harvest deer on their property. Permits will be provided to harvest only antlerless deer, as removal of those deer will have the greatest effect on controlling local populations. The number of available permits will be determined for each property by the Department of Energy and Resource Development (ERD) on a case-by-case basis. Please refer to the fact sheet enclosed for further information.

6) Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA) Tripartite Round Table meeting

Eric Walker, Alliance's Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA) representative attended the round table on July 20th in Calgary to represent the agricultural industry in our province.

The discussions were focused on presenting opportunities and solutions for the Next Policy Framework. Industry representatives felt that the recommendations presented helped toward setting the stage for the upcoming framework agreement and making improvements for coming

programs. The Alliance is pleased that Hon. Rick Doucet, NB Minister of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries participated at the Round Table.

The full CFA press release can be found [here](#) and the Calgary Statement issued after the Ministers' meeting can be found [here](#).

The Alliance will continue to be involved in Federal and Provincial consultations. Please submit your thoughts and comments to the Alliance by email: alliance@fermeNBfarm.ca or fax (506) 452-1085.

7) Beginning of the work of the Agriculture Land Policy Working Group

The first working group established following the development of the 2016-2018 Agriculture Industry Action Plan began meeting over the summer months to assist the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fisheries in their development of an NB Agriculture Land Policy.

The working group will be covering the following topics to name a few: amendments to the Topsoil Preservation Act, developing a list of activities compatible and non-compatible to agriculture, develop statements of provincial interest, changes to the Farm Land Identification Program (FLIP), ownership issues and work with the Department of Environment and Local Government to modernize the Municipalities Act and the Community Planning Act.

The working group will meet again in October. The Market Development, the Attracting and Supporting New Entrants & Attracting Youth to the Sector, and the Technology & Innovation working groups will begin their work in October-November.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ACORN's Grow A Farmer Learning Series presents Efficiencies with Extending the Growing Season at Strawberry Hill Farm - SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

Time: 11am-3pm (lunch potluck)

Location: 5424 Route 105, Pembroke, NB E7N 1S9 [see [here](#) for a map].

Cost: \$15 for ACORN Members/Farm Apprentices & Workers, \$25 for Non-ACORN Members and \$20 for ACORN Member Farm Families (Two people).

[Register HERE](#)

[See Facebook event here](#)

Advancing Women – Life Skills for Leadership – Women in Ag Conference



THE FAIRMONT ROYAL YORK, TORONTO, ONTARIO ~ MONDAY OCT. 3 AND TUESDAY OCT. 4, 2016

Come and join us to meet the Advancing Women of 2016! See you at AWC EAST 2016 on October 3&4, 2016 at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto. Visit our website at www.advancingwomenconference.ca or call 403-686-8407 for more information and to register.

Fencing Workshop in St-Leolin in the Northeast – October 13th, 2016

The Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries (DAAF) will be hosting a Fencing Workshop in St-Leolin in the Northeast.

Date: October 13, 2016
Time: Starting at 10:00 until around 1:30 or 2:00
Location: The Farm of Lionel Benoit
Address: 1130 Route 330 (boulevard St Joseph) in St-Leolin, NB
Trainers: Tom Byers and Rob English of DAAF and Robert Bourgeois of Belliveau Orchards, Memramcook, who has several miles of this type of fencing around their orchards.

For further information please see the attached notice.

ACORN's Grow A Farmer Learning Series presents Organic Garlic Production at Gagetown Garlic - OCTOBER 17th, 2016

Time: 11am-3pm (lunch potluck)
Location: 7 Peters Road, Gagetown New Brunswick E5M 1A9
Cost: \$15 for ACORN Members/Farm Apprentices & Workers, \$25 for Non-ACORN Members and \$20 for ACORN Member Farm Families (Two people).

[Register Here!](#)

[See Facebook event here](#)

Atlantic Soils 2016 –Digging into Soil Health, Delta Beausejour, Moncton November 17, 2016

Save the date- Simultaneous translation will be available. Please find the poster enclosed for more information. We will provide further details in our next activity report.