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October 2016- eActivity Report
Rapport d'activité électronique– octobre 2016

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agriculture industry
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1) Regional Meetings

Thank you to everyone who took the time to attend our regional meetings over the last couple of weeks. We are very pleased with the outcome of the meetings. The input we received from you is vital in assisting us in developing our recommendations towards the development of the Next Policy Framework suite of programs. In addition, your comments regarding the proposed changes to the Employment Standards Act made by the Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour were vital in halting some of the proposed changes (see point number 2 for further details).

A total of eleven resolutions were passed and will be presented during the **Alliance's Annual General Meeting on January 19th and 20th, 2017** at the Crown Plaza in Fredericton.

2) Proposed Changes to the Employment Standards Act

The Alliance and other agricultural stakeholders met with staff of the Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training & Labour and the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fisheries to discuss proposed amendments to the *Employment Standards Act*.

The Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training & Labour has taken into consideration feedback received at that meeting and those made during the Alliance's regional meetings including other input by stakeholders for various industries. Proposed amendments have been adjusted to address stakeholder concerns and we believe that the adjustments will not impact the industry as much as first anticipated. The Department's proposals will be presented to Government in the very near future. The Alliance has invited staff from the Department to make a presentation at our Annual General Meeting on the proposed amendments.

3) Canadian Agriculture Safety Association (CASA) Annual General Meeting-

Eric Walker, Alliance's Director and Secretary attended CASA's 22nd Annual General Meeting on October 4-6 in Charlottetown. About 50 farmers, safety professionals, suppliers, trainers, manufacturers and researchers took part to focus on this year's theme: "Empowering the AgSafe Family- Keeping Kids Safe".

Highlights of the conference included: a Welcome Reception featuring Maritime ag safety initiatives with the Hon. Alan McIlsac; an update on the Saskatchewan Injury Cohort Study; a panel discussion on spheres of influence; a presentation on the ethics of raising children on the farm; new and revised tools on helping kids stay safe on the farm; a tour of the Cavendish Farms potato processing plant; strategies for protecting farm children and a discussion on how to bring safety home.

Access the conference presentations [here](#).

4) Federal Government Next Policy Framework Consultation

Josée Albert, Alliance's CEO, attended the first round of the Federal Government consultations for the Next Policy Framework on October 12-13 in Ottawa. The consultations were well attended with representations from National and provincial groups and Associations, including the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, Provincial Federations of Agriculture and provincial and federal government staff.

The key topics the attendees focused on were: Fostering science, research and innovation; Adapting to the environmental agenda and climate change; Investing in Market Access and Development; Helping the sector maintain public trust and consumer confidence through education and awareness; Increasing funding for and effectiveness of BRM programs; Supporting farm transition and succession planning; Addressing labour shortages in the sector; Emphasizing the importance of Canada's value-added sector; and Simplifying Canada's domestic regulatory framework.

The compilation of the feedback provided over the course of the two days is enclosed.

5) Atlantic Agricultural Hall of Fame 2016 Inductee- Rob English

We wish to extend our congratulations to Rob English for his induction to the Atlantic Agricultural Hall of Fame. The ceremony took place at the Dalhousie Agricultural Campus on October 20th with many of Rob's colleagues and family members present.

To read Rob's nomination by visiting: <https://www.dal.ca/diff/aaaf/inductees/robert-english.html>



6) Ag in the Classroom

Josée Albert met with Department of Education staff from the Francophone district and Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fisheries staff to continue pressing for a New Brunswick Ag in the Classroom program. We are very pleased to announce that we have received support from both the education francophone district and the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fisheries to move ahead with the establishment of a steering committee to begin the development of the program. We are aiming at beginning the initiative in January 2017.

7) NOTICES



Receive funding to hire an agriculture grad

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Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's **CAREER FOCUS PROGRAM** helps fund approximately **65 agricultural internships** for Canadian graduates aged 30 years or younger every year.

As an employer, you can receive **up to \$20,000** in matching funds to pay interns for positions in agriculture, agri-food, agri-food science and veterinary medicine. Internships can range from four to 12 months.

TO BE AN ELIGIBLE EMPLOYER, YOU MUST:

- offer projects that will give interns agriculture career-related work experiences in Canada;
- help interns gain new skills by mentoring and coaching them; and
- be a farm business, industry, not-for-profit organization, provincial/municipal government, association, board, council, college or university.

APPLICATIONS FROM EMPLOYERS WILL BE ACCEPTED STARTING **NOVEMBER 1, 2016 ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.**



To learn more about the **CAREER FOCUS PROGRAM** or to apply, click here.



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Agri-Invest and Agri-Stability programs: Please see the poster attached for the upcoming deadlines for these programs.

8) UPCOMING EVENTS

CWSS-SCM Application Technology Workshop, Delta Beauséjour, Moncton November 25, 2016

The workshop will be given by Dr. Tom Wolf. The objective of the course is to inform participants about all aspects of a spray operation. Topics will include:

- Nozzle Selection and Performance
- Adjuvants, Formulations and Water Quality
- Application Challenges and Spray Drift
- Tips and Shortcuts to Improve Efficiency

Registration will be \$75 and includes lunch and workbook. Translation will be available. Registration is now open through this website:

https://www.regonline.ca/2016_cwss_scm_regonline_sprayer

Potatoes New Brunswick Annual General Meeting - Kin Club of Florenceville (381 route 110, exit 153), East Centreville, N.B. – December 2nd, 2016

To view the conference agenda please see the attached poster.

Dairy Farmers of New Brunswick Annual General Meeting – Delta Fredericton – December 6th-8th, 2016

Please note: December 6th is a closed session for producers only.

Tax and the Corporate Farm – Crowne Plaza, Fredericton – December 7th, 2016

Join Lance Stockbrugger for an in-depth look at taxation and farm corporations. Whether long incorporated, just considering it or ready to wind down, you'll go home with plenty to think about. Discover the hidden benefits of being incorporated, gain insight into when and how to incorporate or wind down, and learn how early planning can help reduce anxiety – and tax.

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

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

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

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 10th and 11th, 2017

Register for Innovate for Value Chain Management here:

www.dal.ca/faculty/agriculture/extended-learning/programs-courses/professional-development/AYF17innovate.html