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**September 2017- eActivity Report**  
**Rapport d'activité électronique– septembre 2017**

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

**September 2017 eActivity Report**

**1) IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL  
AGRICULTURE PRODUCER (RPAP) & FARM BUSINESS REGISTRY-  
Impacting all eligible primary agriculture producers**

Following a motion passed by members at our 2012 Annual General Meeting, effective for the **2017-2018** Registration Period, the proposed changes to the two programs are the following:

- The expiry date of the RPAP registration will be changed from October 31<sup>st</sup> to January 31<sup>st</sup>. If you are an RPAP holder, your RPAP will be automatically extended until January 31<sup>st</sup> 2018.
- Due to the expiry date change to the RPAP, the expiry date for the Farmer Purchaser's Permit will also change from October 31 to January 31. **This means that if you currently hold a Farmer Purchaser's permit it will automatically be extended until January 31<sup>st</sup> 2018.**
- Fuel providers will be notified of this change by the Registrar of Farms. The two month's deferral period to submit the Farmer Purchaser's Permit Annual Report will be removed since the renewal period will start on February 1<sup>st</sup>, a better period of the year for producers.
  - We strongly encourage you to make arrangements for fuel deliveries before October 31<sup>st</sup> in the event of unplanned delays to adopt the changes.
- With the new calendar year, the first filing of the Farmer Purchaser's Permit Annual Report must cover a 15 month period, where applicable.
- The membership fee structure to register or renew a farming operation as a farm business under the Farm Business Registry for the 2017-2018 year will be as outlined below:

	<b>Annual Gross Income Brackets</b>	<b>Proposed New Fee</b>
1.	\$1 to \$49,999	\$165
2.	\$ 50,000 to \$149,999	\$250
3.	\$150,000 to \$249,999	\$360
4.	\$250,000 to \$499,999	\$440
6.	\$500,000 to \$749,999	\$550
7.	\$750,000 and more	\$675

**\*\*\* Please note: the annual registration renewal packages that was sent by the Registrar of Farms in October will now be sent in December to provide members plenty of time to renew their RPAP prior to the new expiry date. \*\*\***

Please contact the Agricultural Alliance of NB office at (506) 452-8101 or by email [alliance@fermenbfarm.ca](mailto:alliance@fermenbfarm.ca) to obtain further information.

**2) 2017 Fall Regional Meetings:**

The Agricultural Alliance of NB's Regional Meetings will be starting late October and continue in November. We invite you to attend and participate in the discussions.

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Region</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
Thursday October 26 <sup>th</sup>	2- Bathurst	NB Department of Agriculture- 1425 King Avenue, Bathurst
Monday October 30 <sup>th</sup>	5- Fredericton	AANB Office, 150 Woodside Lane- Unit 2, Fredericton (located in the same building of United Rentals)
Wednesday November 1 <sup>st</sup>	4- Sussex	NB Department of Agriculture- 701 Main Street, Sussex
Thursday November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6- Wicklow	NB Department of Agriculture- 39 Barker Lane, Wicklow
Monday November 6 <sup>th</sup>	3- Moncton	NB Department of Agriculture- 381 Killam Dr., Moncton (Same parking lot as the Moncton Coliseum)
Wednesday November 8 <sup>th</sup>	1- Saint-Basile	St-Basile Church- 321, Principal Street, Saint-Basile

Please refer to the agenda enclosed for further information.

### **3) New Office Location for the Alliance and Agri-Management Services!**



Our office address has changed to 2-150  
Woodside Lane, Fredericton, NB, E3C 2R9.  
We are located in the same building as  
United Rentals off the Hanwell Road.

### **4) Presentation to the Senate Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry**

John Russell, Environmental Farm Plan coordinator presented to the Senate committee to present the Alliance position on the implementation of an carbon pricing mechanism for our province. Our Atlantic counterparts presented to the committee on the same day. **Please find our presentation enclosed for further details on what we presented.**

In addition, we have written to our provincial Minister of Environment and Local Government, Hon. Serge Roussell, to request a meeting to obtain an update on their plans for implementing a carbon pricing mechanism and discuss how agriculture can play a role in assisting the provincial government in achieving its reduction targets and minimize the financial and administrative burdens to our sector.

### **5) Environmental Farm Plan**

Please contact John Russell or Camille Coulombe at (506) 452-8101 or [efp-pfe@fermenbfarm.ca](mailto:efp-pfe@fermenbfarm.ca). if you would like to schedule an appointment to update your Environmental Farm Plan. The EFP schedule can be found at [www.fermenbfarm.ca](http://www.fermenbfarm.ca) under Environment and Schedule section.

**Notices:**

**QUOTA OPPORTUNITY**

**Chicken Farmers of New Brunswick**

**New Entrant Program**

Chicken Farmers of New Brunswick announces the availability of chicken quota to individuals or companies who wish to enter the chicken production industry in New Brunswick.

Up to 208,000 live kilograms will be available to the new entrant starting in 2018.

To receive an application package, interested parties should send a request in writing.

**Quota Opportunity**

**Chicken Farmers of NB**

277 Main Street, Suite # 1

Fredericton, NB E3A 1E1

Or you can request an application form by e-mail: [nbchicken@nb.aibn.com](mailto:nbchicken@nb.aibn.com)

**Only application received no later than December 1, 2017 will  
be considered**

**Events:**

**Atlantic Food and Beverage Processors Association Inc. - 2017-2018 Food Safety Training Workshops** – For dates and locations please see the attached document.

**Atlantic Food Summit – Best Western Glengarry, Truro, Nova Scotia October 26, 2017** – For more information and to register please click [here](#).

**Advancing Women in Agriculture Conference – Hilton Fallsview, Niagara Falls, ON – October 30-31, 2017** – Come join your peers at the [Advancing Women in Agriculture Conference](#) in Niagara on October 30th & 31st, 2017! [Register today](#) to secure your seat at AWC and [book your hotel](#) online today at the host hotel at discounted hotel room rates. To view the scheduled speakers please click [here](#).

**2017 ACORN Conference & Trade Show – Best Western Glengarry, Truro, Nova Scotia November 27-29, 2017** – To view the conference program and to register please click [here](#).

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR- 2 DAY FORUM- November 29th and 30th- Fredericton**

The NB Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries (NBDAAF), NB Department of Health (NBDH), Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC), Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), and Health Canada (HC) are partnering to deliver a forum to provide an overview and answers to industry partners regarding the various federal and provincial food-related regulatory and policy initiatives currently underway.

Confirmation and more details (registration, etc.) will be circulated shortly.

**AGM of the Maritime Branch of the CSGA and of the Atlantic Grain Council – Casino Moncton – December 5-7, 2017** – More details to follow soon.