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<p>Presented the Alliance's priorities to all political parties during the 2018 provincial election campaign. The executive met with three political parties. Our priorities were also shared with the media on two occasions. Our highlighted priorities were: agricultural land protection, transportation, climate change, carbon tax, new entrants and investments in agriculture and rural communities to revitalize the local and provincial economy.</p>	<p>The Alliance continues to support the Canadian Federation of Agriculture's (CFA) to lobby the Federal government for providing enhancement to Business Risk Management and non-Business Management Risk Management programs under the Canadian Agriculture Partnership (CAP) Framework.</p>
<p>The Alliance is monitoring the government's commitment to address the ever increasing worker's compensation rates. Legislation to address the issue was introduced in December 2018. The Alliance will continue to press the government to provide similar exemptions in other provinces in terms of overtime rates.</p>	<p>Officially launched the AgriStart website in July 2018. The website is geared towards new entrants and based on the New Entrant Road Map developed by the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fisheries. The website also has a section dedicated at showcasing agricultural land for sale and lease, and farms for sale. Individuals can post their listing free of charge.</p>
<p>The Alliance intends to continue pressing the government to bring the farm plate registration fees in line with the other provinces. The Alliance will also continue to press for changes in terms of harmonization of maximum 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 2018 resolutions</p>
	<p>Presented to the Senate Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry to address our concerns and recommendations related to the Carbon Tax and Mental Health within the agriculture sector</p>
<p>Launching activities in the classroom through the NB Agriculture in the Classroom Program. (What's in your lunch box, Spuds in the Tub, Little Green Sprouts and Little Green Thumbs). The development of a website is currently underway.</p>	<p>Acted upon the resolutions passed at the 2016, 2017 and 2018 Annual General Meeting and other ongoing issues by developing an annual work plan.</p>
<p>Met with CropLife Canada and Forestry NB to address the issues related to glyphosate. The Alliance is monitoring this file closely.</p>	<p>Provided several recommendations to Health Canada in terms of the issues related to the Pest Management Regulatory Agency. Christian Michaud, Alliance President attended an Atlantic consultation. The Alliance is working closely with the CFA on this file.</p>
<p>Joined forces with the CFA to continue voicing our concerns over family farm transfer taxation, Canadian food guide, Safe Food For Canadians Regulations, carbon tax, PMRA and the front-of pack labelling</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>	<p>Regional committees composed of Alliance's directors and staff from the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure and Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fisheries to plan for the 2019 Rural Road Enhancement Program for non-designated roads utilized for agriculture activities.</p>
<p>New Road Signage now available for agricultural operations.</p>	<p>Actively involved in the Temporary Foreign Workers file. Attended a consultation and submitted recommendations to the Federal government for improving the programs.</p>

MEMBER SERVICES	ENVIRONMENT, PROGRAMS and PROJECTS	COLLABORATION, PARTNERSHIP & COMMUNICATIONS
Exclusive Membership Benefits	Development of a NB Agriculture Promotion Campaign	Member of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture
Canada Gap Workshop	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	Currently adapting the Manitoba and Saskatchewan succession guide to New Brunswick	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) 772 operations with valid certificate (less than five years old). Exploring improvements to the program for the next 5 years, including updating the existing version. John Russell is part of a national committee tasked at exploring the possibility of developing a national environment farm plan.	Launch of the AgriStartNB.ca website
Education & Training Section on Alliance website		Advisory Commodity Group Part of a provincial farm training round table led by the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fisheries
Two way communications among members and staff	Provided recommendations for the NB Climate Change Act	Partnered with “Agriculture More than Ever Initiative”
Plastic Mulch Program	Continuing collaboration with the Eastern Canada Soil and Water Conservation Centre & NB Soil and Crop Improvement Association	Supporter of the Provincial Government “Buy Local Campaign”
Promoted the agricultural industry at the NB Provincial Exposition and other events		Member of the Canadian Agriculture Safety Association (CASA)
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	Social Media- promoting facts and a positive image of the agricultural industry
James Robb Award, New Entrant Award, Innovation Award and New Agriculture Education Ambassador Award		Member of the Atlantic Federation of Agriculture (AFA)
Organizer of the Open Farm Day event in New Brunswick	John Russell, EFP coordinator, is acting as an advisor for the Petitcodiac Watershed Alliance	Atlantic Veterinary College representation on the Advisory Council
Farm and Land for sale and lease directory on the AgriStartNB.ca website. Free service for any producers and realtors.	John Russell is a member of the NB Environment Network’s Team for Sustainable Farming	Brand new website for the Alliance
	Part of an Atlantic group focusing on farm safety initiatives	Partnership with Excellence NB to promote NB food, products and businesses.