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September 2018- eActivity Report Rapport d'activité électronique- septembre 2018

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

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For a more complete update on our activities please click [here](#) for our September 2018 newsletter.

1) Regional Meetings



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2018 Regional Meetings Calendar Calendrier des assemblées régionales 2018

Tuesday, October 30th - mardi 30 octobre
Region 4 - 7:00 pm
Région 4 - 19h
Royal Canadian Legion/ La Légion royale canadienne
66 Magnolia Avenue
Sussex, NB

Thursday, November 1st - jeudi 1er novembre
Region 2 - 7:00 pm
Région 2 - 19h
NB Depart. of Agriculture/Ministère de l'Agriculture du N.-B
1425 King Avenue
Bathurst, NB

Monday, November 5th - lundi 5 novembre
Region 5 - 7:00 pm
Région 5 - 19h
Agricultural Alliance of NB - Boardroom
Alliance agricole du N.-B. - Salle de conférence
2-150 Woodside Lane
Fredericton, NB

Wednesday, November 7th - mercredi 7 novembre
Region 6 - 7:00 pm
Région 6 - 19h
NB Depart. of Agriculture/Ministère de l'Agriculture du N.-B
39 Barker Lane
Wicklow, NB

Thursday, November 8th - jeudi 8 novembre
Region 1 - 7:00 pm
Région 1 - 19h
NB Depart. of Agriculture/Ministère de l'Agriculture du N.-B
824 Route 108
Grand Falls - Grand-Sault, NB

Tuesday, November 13th - mardi 8 novembre
Region 3 - 7:00 pm
Région 3 - 19h
NB Depart. of Agriculture/Ministère de l'Agriculture du N.-B
381 Killam Drive
Moncton, NB

2) **NB Food and Beverage Forum- Featuring a Safe Food for Canadians Regulations (SFCR) Workshop**

November 22, 2018, Fredericton, New Brunswick, Saint Thomas University (STU) Conference Centre (368 Forest Hill Rd, Fredericton, NB E3B 5G3) (Please note this location is not on the STU campus). Please see agenda and registration form enclosed for further information. Featuring a workshop on the Safe Food for Canadians Regulations, presentation from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada and Health Canada.

3) **2018 Agricultural Labour Market Information (LMI) Survey**



Chronic labour shortages are a real and very frustrating problem for many producers in Canada. Unfilled vacancies in agriculture result in production delays, lost production and/or sales, and delays or cancellations of expansion plans. It also affects their bottom line.

The widening labour gap is an urgent issue. It is often cited as the number one risk by many producer groups. That's why CAHRC research is so important and needed to help to better clarify labour shortage issues with current data. We are re-running the numbers to see if the labour shortage and agricultural job vacancies are growing.

And we need your help!

To assist in addressing agricultural workforce issues, **from October 12 to November 30, 2018, the Canadian Agricultural Human Resource Council (CAHRC) is surveying stakeholders** on the state of the agricultural workforce in Canada. All farm owner-operators, agricultural workers and supporting stakeholder groups will have an opportunity to provide valuable input to guide future action on labour shortages.

New national, provincial and commodity-specific forecasts of agricultural labour supply and demand to 2029 will provide up-to-date labour market intelligence to the agricultural industry. Beginning October 12, we invite you to [complete the online survey](#).

4) **Information on Watercourses and Wetlands Alteration Permits**

Fact Sheet: <https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/env/pdf/Wetlands-TerreHumides/WatercoursesAndWetlandsAndAgriculturalActivities.pdf>

The online WAWA application process has been updated and there are no longer paper copies available. Both Standard and Provisional WAWA permits can be applied for online. The Department of Environment and Local Government Regional Offices are also available to assist the public with the application process. Click [here](#) to access the online WAWA application

Permitting Fact Sheet:

<https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/env/pdf/Wetlands-TerreHumides/WatercourseAndWetlandPermittingGuidelines.pdf>

5) Road Signage

The National project to consider the “Standardization of Agricultural Vehicle Warning Signs” by the Traffic Operations and Management Standing Committee of the Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) was recently completed and approved.

The project included investigation into the various signing options currently in existence. Following their review, the following signs were approved to be used throughout Canada:



The intended purpose of the above sign and tab are to indicate to drivers that farm/agricultural vehicles may be crossing or entering the highway or travelling along the shoulder for short distances between fields.

The sign should only be used where visibility of an agricultural vehicle entrance or turning agricultural vehicles is not adequate (ie: there is not enough sight distance) or where these vehicles may unexpectedly turn across higher speed roads. The “Farm Traffic” tab can be added – but this is optional. In addition, a distance tab (less than 5 km) can be added in instances where this type of equipment regularly travels between 2 entrances/locations.

The requirement for agricultural equipment to include the reflective inverted ‘slow moving vehicle’ triangle symbol on the rear of equipment remains in NB. It should be noted that the slow-moving triangle requirement is a minimum, and concerned agricultural operators can add larger or additional reflective markings to enhance the conspicuity of their equipment/vehicles. Please refer to the [Lighting and Marking Guide](#) for more details.

It is important to note that even though these signs are now approved for use that before having them installed, Department of Transportation & Infrastructure technical staff need to undertake a review to confirm that the situations meet the intended criteria. A formal, written request made to our Operations section would be the best way to go about starting an evaluation. The request can be sent by email to: Transportation.Web@gnb.ca or by mail at:

Vehicle Management Agency
P. O. Box 6000
Fredericton, NB
E3B 5H1

6) Environmental Farm Plan

Friendly reminder that EFPs are “living documents” and should be updated every five years, or sooner to integrate new developments (e.g. construction of a new barn) or technologies, or to make adjustments as conditions change in your enterprise. John Russell will also be in the following areas updating Environmental Farm Plans. If you wish to update your plan, or if you are new to the Environmental Farm Plan, please contact Camille Coulombe at 506-452-8101 or efp-pfe@fermenbfarm.ca.

Region 5 (Central) Last two weeks of October 2018

Region 1 (North-West) First two weeks of November 2018

Region 2 (North-East) Last two weeks of November 2018

7) Notices

Commercial Hazardous Waste Services – Please see attached a list of Commercial Hazardous Waste Services issued by the Department of Environment.

Pesticide Certification Training Session – November 1st, 2018 – NBCC Saint John – For more information and to register please see the attached information page and registration forms.

8) Coming Events

Advancing Women in Agriculture Conference – Hilton Fallsview, Niagara Falls, ON – October 14th-16th, 2018 – Please see the attached poster. For more information and to register, click [here](#). For hotel reservations, click [here](#).

SPARK Agriculture – Fredericton Inn, Fredericton, NB – November 2nd & 3rd, 2018 – For more information and to register, click [here](#).

Atlantic Farm Women’s Conference – Moncton, NB – November 16th & 17th, 2018 – For more information and to register, click [here](#).

IGNITE – FCC Young Farmers Summit – Crowne Plaza, Moncton, NB – March 9th, 2019 - For more information and to register, click [here](#).