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December 2016- eActivity Report Rapport d'activité électronique– décembre 2016

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

December 2016 eActivity Report

1) Annual General Meeting- January 19th and 20th 2017



You are invited to attend the Alliance's 11th Annual General Meeting (AGM) on January 19th & 20th, 2017 at the Fredericton Crowne Plaza. We are planning two days filled with information, discussions, networking opportunities and speakers you will not want to miss!

All are welcome to attend and participate in discussions!

Click [HERE](#) for more information and for the conference/ AGM's agenda.

Keynote speakers-

Amy Matheson is a strong and vocal advocate for Canadian farmers, and is passionate about sharing stories of our food and the people who produce it.

Deeply rooted in family farm, Amy is the granddaughter and daughter of dairy farmers, and is now part of a 4th generation dairy and crop farm along with her husband, their children, and her in-laws.

Having found her voice on social media and speaking to industry groups and consumers, Amy strives to provide credible information to our urban neighbours, and encourages people to ask questions about how their food gets from farm gates to dinner plates. She hopes to inspire others in agriculture to stand up and be proud of the work they do, putting a face to the farm.

Amy recently joined the team at Farm & Food Care Canada in an industry development role. She is also a delegate for Dairy Farmers of Ontario, Grain Farmers of Ontario, a baseball coach, and a proud community volunteer, and is a past winner of the 'Leader in Charities' award by PricewaterhouseCoopers.



Aaron Law, How Farmers Can Make a Difference & Best Social Media Practices

Aaron Law is a third generation New Brunswick Egg Farmer, Keynote Speaker, Coach and inspiration to the community. Recently, his farm was nominated for several different awards with local Chambers of Commerce. His international work with the Egg Farmers of Canada in Swaziland Africa, has helped feed over 70,000 people a month in rural Swaziland. Aaron operates in business and life from the motto "If you see a band wagon.....it's too late" - James Goldsmith.

Also on our agenda:

- Hon. Rick Doucet, Minister of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries will address the meeting;
- Faith Matchett, Farm Credit Canada will give us tips on "how to talk agriculture" and provide insight of what is to come for our industry ;
- Presentation of the Local Food and Beverage Strategy;
- Drew Black, Director of Environment and Science Policy of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA), will make a presentation on the Impacts of Climate Change and the Implications of the Carbon Tax on our Industry and provide an update on CFA's 2016 activities;
- Janet Steele, from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) will give us the latest from AAFC;
- And many more speakers will address the meeting.

Please contact the Alliance's office with any questions at (506) 452-8101 or alliance@fermenbfarm.ca We hope to see you there!

In addition, the New Brunswick Young Farmers Forum AGM will take place right after the Alliance's AGM:

NEW BRUNSWICK YOUNG FARMERS FORUM

2017 Annual Conference and Business Meeting *'Planning, Executing, Communicating for Farm Management Success'*

Moving the New Brunswick agricultural sector into the future will require some out of the box thinking. As crop and livestock farms continue to grow in size and complexity and as markets evolve for direct farm sales, good planning skills are becoming an essential skill for new entrant farm operators. Public trust and production assurance programs are relatively new concepts, but are fast becoming top of mind issues for consumers. Consumer engagement will need to be considered for all farm sizes and types into the future as we seek to maintain consumer trust.

The 2017 New Brunswick Young Farmers Forum will focus on how to plan for entering and thriving in the exciting new agriculture industry being built across the Maritime region, with a focus on planning and communicating, and doing them both well. This year's event will be held on January 20th & 21st, 2017, at the Crowne Plaza Beaverbrook Hotel in Fredericton, NB. A block of rooms has been reserved for those who require overnight accommodations under NBYFF.

Please find the agenda enclosed for further information.

2) 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](#).

 Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada / Agriculture et Agroalimentaire Canada 

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

2016 AgrilInvest:

2016 AgrilInvest Application (without penalty)

- September 30, 2017: Deadline to submit the 2016 AgrilInvest application without penalty.

2016 AgrilInvest Application (with penalty)

- December 31, 2017: Deadline to submit the 2016 AgrilInvest application with penalty.

2016 AgrilInvest Deposit Deadline

- 90 days from the date of your 2016 AgrilInvest Deposit Notice

2016 AgriStability Deadlines:

2016 AgriStability Interim Payment Application Deadline

- March 31, 2017: 2016 Interim Payment Application deadline.

2016 AgriStability/AgrilInvest Harmonized Form without penalty

- September 30, 2017: Deadline to submit the 2016 AgriStability/AgrilInvest Harmonized Form without penalty.

2016 AgriStability/AgrilInvest Harmonized Form with penalty

- December 31, 2017: Deadline to submit the 2016 AgriStability/AgrilInvest Harmonized Form with penalty.

Note: If a deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or statutory holiday, you have until the next business day to meet that deadline.

AgriStability is delivered in Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador and Yukon by the federal government. The information on this website refers to deadlines and other delivery details for these provinces only.

Mentorship Program: Please see the poster attached for more details.

1) UPCOMING EVENTS

Potatoes NB will be hosting their Annual Potato Conference & Trade Show on Thursday February 2nd, 2017 at the E. & P. Sénéchal Centre in Grand Falls, N.B. The event begins at 8:00 am with registration (coffee, muffins, etc.) and should finish around 3:30 pm.

The guest speaker this year is Karl Subban, professional speaker & author. (Biography attached)

Many door prizes for N.B. Potato Producers only will be drawn at the end of the day (your presence is required)

Note: There will be a service of simultaneous translation on site for you!

Location of the event:
Centre E. & P. Sénéchal
Recreation, Tourism and Culture
60 Ouellette Street
Grand-Falls/Sault, New Brunswick
E3Z 1A6

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