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December 2018 - eActivity Report

Rapport d'activité électronique– décembre 2018

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

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1) Annual General Meeting- You are invited!

Agricultural Alliance of New Brunswick

Workshop

Wednesday, **January 16th**, 2019: Workshop with CropLife Canada
"Confident Conversations"

This interactive, one-day session has been designed to help industry staff speak confidently about the benefits our industry delivers through its technologies and to be comfortable managing difficult conversations when you encounter someone who is opposed to agricultural technologies like pest control products and plant biotechnology.

10:00AM - 4:30PM

Sponsored by 

AGM & Conference

Thursday, **January 17th** & Friday **January 18th**, 2019:
Annual General Meeting & Conference



CROWNE PLAZA FREDERICTON-LORD BEAVERBROOK

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You are invited to attend the Alliance's 13th Annual General Meeting (AGM) on January 17th & 18th, 2019 at the Fredericton Crowne Plaza. Please take note that a workshop is taking place on January 16th with CropLife Canada. **Fill in the attached registration form for the workshop since the seats are limited.** Be sure not to miss our event for three days filled with information, discussions, networking opportunities and speakers you will not want to miss!

Featuring Terry Betker, President and CEO of Backswath Management Inc.



Terry Betker, P.Ag., CAC, is President and CEO of Backswath Management Inc., a Manitoba-based company that originated in 1992. Terry has an interest and passion in providing consulting expertise to farmers, focusing primarily on strategic business and succession planning, financial analysis, and risk management. Consulting to agribusiness has been, and continues to be, part of the service suite.

Terry is recognized for his visionary and leading-edge contribution to farm management. Terry's 17 years experience as a grain, oilseed, and special crops producer in Western Manitoba, gives him first-hand insight into the issues producers face.

Even though the deadline to book hotel rooms at the Alliance's rate has passed, the Crowne Plaza have confirmed that they will honor the group rate (\$131) based on availability. Please call the Crowne Plaza at (506) 455-3371 or 1-866-444-1946 and indicate that your reservation is for the Alliance's AGM.

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

Please contact the Alliance's office with any questions at (506) 452-8101 or alliance@fermenbfarm.ca All are welcome to attend and participate in discussions!

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

NEW BRUNSWICK YOUNG FARMERS FORUM

**2019 Annual Conference &
Business Meeting**

"New Brunswick's Young Farmers: Above & Beyond"
January 18th, 2019, Crowne Plaza Lord Beaverbrook Hotel, Fredericton, NB
Cost: \$75 per person

What defines a young farmer? A young farmer is someone who goes above what is expected and beyond any barriers put in front of them. Through their endless dedication, and insatiable appetite for innovation and development, they are able to establish themselves as key players in New Brunswick's agricultural landscape, and build successful businesses and thriving communities.

The 2019 New Brunswick Young Farmers Forum Conference will focus both professional and personal growth for NB's youth in agriculture. This year's event will be held on January 18th, 2019, at the Crowne Plaza Beaverbrook Hotel in Fredericton, NB. A block of rooms has been reserved for those who require overnight accommodations under NBYFF. Reservation website:
https://book.passkey.com/event/49818831/owner/55344/home?lang=en_US

To register, email the NBYFF office at info@nbyff.ca, or call Camille Coulombe 506-452-8101

Please find the agenda enclosed for further information.

2) Canada GAP Workshops

We are pleased to announce that the Agricultural Alliance of NB will be hosting three **Canada GAP Workshop in February 2019.**

- **February 13th - Moncton**
- **February 14th - Sussex**
- **February 15th - Florenceville**

Since seating is limited to 25 farms per session, we would need you to send your registration form soon to reserve your space. [Agenda and Registration form enclosed.](#)

3) Survey Mount Allison Lyme Disease

The Mount Allison Lyme Research Network is conducting a survey to help us understand what people using natural areas in the province of New Brunswick want to know about ticks and the risk of tick-borne diseases.

We are asking people in New Brunswick who spend time outdoors, both for work and for recreation, to fill out the survey that is attached.

The project is being led by Sarah St Pierre (sestpierre@mta.ca), working under the supervision of Drs. Vett Lloyd and Odette Gould. The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. Please click on the link below if you would like more information or would like to fill out the survey.

<https://adarplab.limequery.com/833183?lang=en>

4) Ag in the Classroom



2019 will be an exciting year for Agriculture in the classroom NB.

We are currently in the process of rolling out the Little green thumbs program in classrooms.

www.littlegreenthumbs.org

This program has been around for 10 years and was recently completely updated. We worked closely with Newfoundland who currently has close to 200 teachers delivering this program in their classrooms.

The key to their success has been the involvement of mentors who are actively farming or retired. Over 40 mentors help teachers and students across the province. They visit schools a few times a year and are available over the phone or by email to offer advice.

During March we will have a series of activities across the province to celebrate Canadian agriculture literacy month. (CALM)

Every school in the province will receive a What's in my lunchbox toolkit. This is intended for grade 1-2 students. Teachers can use a series of games to help students learn where the food they eat comes from.

Schools will also receive copies of a book called Blossom's Big Job. This book teaches the importance of bees. Students learn about pollination and how honey is made.

To make all this possible and this program a success we need your help.

We are looking for mentors and people to visit schools to share what you do in your respective field.

We all want to get students excited about food, food production and careers in agriculture.

If you are interested to help you can get in touch with me.

Thank you,

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5) AANB Executive Meeting with Hon. Ross Wetmore

The Alliance executive had the opportunity to meet with Minister Wetmore and his senior staff before the holidays. The meeting providing an opportunity for the Alliance to share its priorities and address concerns raised by industry. The executive touched on issues related to land preservation, labour, and the importance of continuing initiatives and progress made under the past government. Minister Wetmore was very receptive and expressed that, while he is new in his role, he is committed to move the agriculture industry forward and assist us in ensuring that our sector is recognized as one of the most important economic driver in our province and that further investments are require to enable to grow our industry.

6) Important Information- Safe Food for Canadians Regulations

On January 15, 2019, the [Safe Food for Canadians Act](#) (SFCA) and the [Safe Food for Canadians Regulations](#) (SFCR) will come into effect.

- Certain requirements for some foods or businesses will not apply on this date. Learn more about [timelines](#).
- If there are inconsistencies between the information found here and a related regulatory requirement, the requirement is what will apply to businesses. Please let the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) know if you find any such inconsistency by [commenting on the resources](#).
- Until January 15, 2019 [current information](#) and requirements (that will be replaced by the SFCA and SFCR) continue to apply.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency has developed a toolkit for businesses summarizing the regulations. The toolkit can be accessed [here](#).

To find out if and how your operation will be impacted consult the interactive tools that can be accessed [here](#).

For more information visit the [Safe Food for Canadians Regulations website](#)

7) Environmental Farm Plan

New Year, New Updates! Winter is a great time to start or update your EFP, for which should be updated every five years.

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 be in the following areas meeting with producers. 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 3 (South East) - two first weeks of January 2019

Region 5 (Centre) - Last two weeks of January 2019

Region 1 (North-West) - First two weeks of February 2019

Region 6 (Centre-West/ Wicklow) – Last two weeks of February 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

Farm Mechanization Show - Moncton Coliseum Complex, Moncton NB – March 7-9, 2019

– For more information please click [here](#).

Ignite - FCC Young Farmer Summit – Crown Plaza Moncton Downtown, Moncton, NB – March 9, 2019 – For more information and to register click [here](#).