



President's Message

Hello again dear members,

We are certainly all looking toward another spring full of opportunities and challenges. I always find it kind of funny half of the province can plant and the other half still under snow.

Our Annual General Meeting has provided us with seven resolutions to help us frame our annual work plan. The executive brought these to our annual resolutions meeting with government, which had a great turnout from senior government from various departments. Again we were left with some wins but disappointed with others. We also discussed long standing issues such as the land use policy. Some movement is actually happening with the Farm Land Identification Program to automatically de-register land that has been stripped of its topsoil. We are very happy that the Season Extension program has been re-established under the Canadian Agriculture Partnership (CAP) framework.

We also discussed Agriculture in The Classroom which is such a good and needed grass roots program. It is such a success with loads of interest. It is now in jeopardy because of funding cuts under CAP. I hope the provincial government realizes how important it is and find a way to partner with other departments to support it to its full potential.

There is a real interesting project developing around labour but no details to share yet. As usual the Alliance continues to work very hard behind the scenes for NB farmers.

Sincere thanks to the exceptional staff and board I have the pleasure to work with.

I wish everyone a great season

Christian



The AgriStart NB website was launched last June to connect prospective farmers with a "one-stop shop" to help them investigate opportunities in the sector.



The website provides information on available government programs, equipment, labour and training, commodities and markets. It also has an on-line directory that will bring together people looking for farms and farmland and those leasing or selling it.

Do not forget to visit the farm land inventory directory section and list your farm/land for sale or lease

Membership Renewal

We would like to remind you that the renewal period for this year began on **February 1st 2019**. If you have not registered already you can access the form by visiting your closest SNB office, contact our office by phone at (506) 452-8101 or by email alliance@fermenbfarm.ca or by visiting <https://www.fermenbfarm.ca/membership/farm-business-registration/> Being a member of the Alliance will provide you access to membership benefits, fuel purchasers' permit, farm plates and remain informed on important agriculture topics, and our activities.

Environmental Farm Plan

EFP Facilitator, John will be in the following regions to meet with producers who want to start or update their environmental farm plan.

Spring/Summer Schedule

Last two weeks of May: Region 3 (South-East)

First two weeks of June: Region 6 (Central West/Wicklow)

Last two weeks of June: Region 4 (Central South/ Sussex)

July & August: appointment upon request

To start or update your plan, please contact EFP Coordinator Camille Coulombe at the Agricultural Alliance office at efp-pfe@fermenbfarm.ca or 506-452-8101.

If you're applying manure these days, now's the time to take a sample. The analysis will reflect what is going on the field. Take samples from a few different loads and mix them in a bucket, put a portion in a plastic screwable jar then into a plastic bag and put it in the freezer. You can take this to an NB Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries office and they will send it off to the lab in PEI for analysis. Cost of the recommended analysis (with ammonium N) is \$66. For more information, please call the PEI Analytical Laboratories at 902-620-3300.

Ag in the Classroom NB

The end of the 2018-2019 school year is upon us. Agriculture in the Classroom NB is working to wrap up projects and plan for the next school year.

Our flagship project, Little Green Thumbs, is in full swing in 6 schools and will be rolled out in 20 additional schools in the fall. For more details on this program visit www.littlegreenthumbs.org

Potatoes/Pommes de terre NB became the official sponsor of the Spuds in the Tub program. It's currently in progress in 10 schools and will increase by 10 schools a year for the next 2 years.

In March, New Brunswick participated in the Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month (CALM).

150 schools received a What's in My Lunchbox toolkit allowing teacher and students to play fun games to discover where the food they eat comes from. Schools also received copies of "Blossom's Big Job". This book explains the crucial role bees play in food production.

In collaboration with the New Brunswick Beekeeper association, 4 schools adopted a beehive. Students painted the hives and will receive updates and pictures from the beekeepers.

We are currently finalizing a partnership with Nashwaak Valley farm to bring livestock in schools starting this fall. This experience will expose students to various farm animals, talk about animal health and care and present various career options involving livestock. This initiative is part of a broader action plan to bring more career exploration tools and events to high school students in the province.



We are working with Agriculture in the Classroom Canada to encourage students to thinkAG.

<https://aitc-canada.ca/en-ca/for-educators/agriculture-careers>

If you would like more information about the Agriculture in the Classroom program you can email our Coordinator, Stéphane Sirois, at coordinator@fermenbfarm.ca

We are pleased to announce that the **Season Extension and On-Farm Storage for Fruit and Vegetable Producers Program** is now available under the Canadian Agriculture Partnership. The program provides assistance to New Brunswick fruit and mixed vegetable producers to purchase season extension, conditioning and on-farm storage technologies.

The program is eligible for existing NB fruit and mixed vegetable producers and new entrants whose goal is commercial-scale production. For more information consult:

https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/10/services/services_render.201488.Season_Extension_and_On-Farm_Storage_-_Technologies_for_Fruit_and_Vegetable_Producers_Program.html

Eligible Expenses	% Contribution	Maximum Contribution
Element A.		
Heated Greenhouse	40%	\$10,000.00 per year
Unheated Greenhouse		
Tunnels (high, low or mini-tunnels)		
Hydroponic Technologies		
Element B.		
Cooling systems	40%	\$10,000.00 per year
Refrigerating systems		
Freezing systems		
Other Storage Technologies for fruits and vegetables		
Maximum contribution per farm is \$15,000.00 for both Element A. & B.		

Farmers – Do you have a fuel charge exemption certificate?

Background

The *Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act* (the Act) introduces a new fuel charge that applies to 21 types of fuel and to combustible waste. The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) is responsible for administering the fuel charge program. The fuel charge applies as of April 1, 2019, in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and New Brunswick, and as of July 1, 2019, in Nunavut and the Yukon (listed provinces).

Fuel Charge Relief

If you are a farmer who has farming activities in a listed province, you may be exempt from the fuel charge that is otherwise applicable on gasoline or light fuel oil (e.g. diesel).

The Act provides relief from the fuel charge that applies to your gasoline or light fuel oil purchases when all of the following criteria are met:

- you are a farmer;
- the fuel is for use exclusively in the operation of [eligible farming machinery](#) or of an auxiliary component of eligible farming machinery;
- all or 90% or more of the fuel is for use in [eligible farming activities](#); and
- the fuel is delivered to you by a [registered distributor](#) to location that is a farm or at a cardlock facility.

To be exempted from the fuel charge, you must provide an exemption certificate to a registered distributor you deal with.

Get your exemption certificate

The exemption certificate is a fillable form (L402) that is on [Canada.ca](#). You must provide a completed, signed copy of the exemption certificate to the registered distributor.

Reminders

- A farmer is NOT required to register with the CRA.
- The exemption certificate only applies in provinces and territories that are part of the fuel charge program.
- The exemption certificate can be used by farmers in Manitoba, New Brunswick, Ontario and Saskatchewan as of **April 1, 2019**.
- The exemption certificate can be used in by farmers Nunavut and Yukon as of **July 1, 2019**.
- An exemption certificate must be provided by you to a distributor that is registered with the CRA for the purposes of the fuel charge program. A non-registrant cannot provide the relief through an exemption certificate.
- An exemption certificate does Not expire.
- An exemption certificate is Not required for each transaction.

Fuel used for other purposes

The exemption certificate only applies to the fuel that you use in eligible farming activities. If you provide an exemption certificate to a registered distributor and then use that same fuel **outside** of farming activities, you must pay a charge to the CRA. This charge does not apply to fuel that you purchased without an exemption certificate.

The form used to report these amounts, Form B401, is on [Canada.ca](#).

- For more information on the fuel charge, visit [Carbon pollution pricing - what you need to know](#).



 Signs & symptoms Are you wondering if you have any signs and symptoms of Lyme disease?	 Prevention Wondering how to prevent tick bites?	 Diagnosis & Treatment Where can I get tested? What will my treatment look like?	 Questions? Want to know more?
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Do you have Lyme disease? Do you suspect you have Lyme disease? If so please contact the New Brunswick Lyme Disease Association Inc.- LymeNB for assistance by visiting www.lymenb.ca , email info@lymenb.ca or call 506-447-2298.

Common symptoms include:

- Developing a rash, sometimes shaped like a "bull's eye" mark.
- Initial flu-like symptoms, such as: fever, headache, nausea, jaw pain, light sensitivity, red eyes, muscle aches and neck stiffness.

While some Lyme victims experience immediate symptoms after infection, others may have none for many months. Did you know that Lyme disease is estimated to be undetected in 90% of cases. In fact the numbers that are reported in Public Health documents represents as few as 4 % of the real numbers. This has big implications and should serve as a wake up call to public health agencies and anyone who lives and works in the great outdoors.

Other useful links: <https://canlyme.com/>
Risk areas: <https://canlyme.com/lyme-prevention/risk-areas/>
Tick removal: <https://canlyme.com/lyme-prevention/tick-removal/>

Advancing Women in Agriculture Conference

The AWC is coming back to Niagara Falls, Ontario on October 27, 28 and 29, 2019 at the Sheraton on the Falls. Join producers, students, entrepreneurs, representatives of grower associations and corporate agri-business for leadership skills, inspiration and motivation to reach your goals. Connect with like-minded women passionate about agriculture and food from across Canada. Register today!
<https://www.advancingwomenconference.ca/2019east/> Phone 403-686-8407



October 27-29, 2019 – Sheraton on the Falls – Niagara Falls, ON

Attention AANB Members!

A reminder that as an Alliance member, you have access to Fleet discount pricing on Chrysler vehicles throughout the province of NB and Canada!

With proof of valid membership, you could save up to \$12,000 on the list price when purchasing a Chrysler/Dodge vehicle.

For additional information on models available for the discount and to obtain the Fleet discount number you can visit our web site at www.fermenbfarm.ca

Questions? Call the Alliance office at (506) 452-8101 or email alliance@fermenbfarm.ca

2019 Resolutions

1. Insurance for forage production

Whereas the drought of the 2018 season had a serious impact on the production and the quality of forage;
Be it resolved that AANB hold discussions with the New Brunswick Government to obtain an insurance coverage for hay and forage fields under AgriAssurance and AgriStability;
Be it resolved that AANB lobby the government to obtain a financial help for producers who faced additional expenses because of the 2018 drought.

Region 1

2. Tandem Rear Axel Farm Truck and annual inspection requirements and costs

Whereas the cost to buy new tandem rear axle farm trucks, which can carry 30,000 lbs to 40,000 lbs payload, is around \$120,000, is financially unfeasible for many;
Whereas the cost to maintain new electronically controlled tandem rear axle farm trucks is over \$90 per hour;
Whereas older tandem rear axle farm trucks can be as safe to run on the road as newer model trucks if they are well maintained and meet the requirements of annual inspections;
Whereas some licensed mechanics are reluctant to inspect some of these vehicles out of fear of losing their license to inspect commercial trucks;
Whereas the inspection criteria for tandem rear axle farm trucks are the same as that of commercial trucks;
Whereas other jurisdictions have classification distinctions for some tandem rear axle farm trucks and commercial trucks.

Therefore be it resolved that the Agricultural Alliance of NB request a meeting with the Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure to discuss the possibility of creating a new inspection classification. The new classification to not compromise safety standards for the Tandem Rear Axle Farm Trucks, which can carry 30,000-40,000 payloads, but to reduce inspection costs and streamline the inspection process.

Region 6

3. Establishment of an industry/government committee for the Farmland Identification Program (FLIP)

Whereas the Department of Finance has been undertaking reviews of taxation programs in NB, with the intention of identifying revenue streams;
Be it resolved that the AANB press the government to establish an industry/government committee to undertake a complete review of the Farmland Identification Program (FLIP).

Region 5

2019 Resolutions (Continued)

4. Seasonal Extension Program under the Canadian Agriculture Partnership Framework

Whereas the Seasonal Extension Program was a valuable program for producers under the Growing Forward 2 Framework;
Whereas the Canadian Agriculture Partnership Framework has for one of its goal to assist the sector in increasing value added and local food sales;

Be it resolved that the AANB press the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fisheries to reinstate the Seasonal Extension Program under the Canadian Agriculture Partnership to allow producers to invest in equipment such as cooling and heating equipment.

Region 5

5. Caliber restrictions during varmint season

Whereas varmint rifles have been limited to 0.224 caliber or less;
Whereas many guns of 0.224 have very good performance on varmints;

Be it resolved that the AANB press the government to keep the 0.224 caliber or less restrictions during the varmint season in place to not further compromise the safety of producers, livestock and their employees.

Region 4

6. Provincial program for transportation of lime and ash

Whereas the province of New Brunswick, unlike other Atlantic provinces, still has done nothing after many requests, to assist in helping NB farmers to overcome the single most limiting factor in crop production, namely the pH of our acidic soils;

Whereas transportation cost is the single greatest barrier to correcting the soil pH to the proper levels, which would save costs by reducing fertilizer requirements, reduce erosion, enable soil water retention and help the environment by eliminating insoluble phosphates and nitrates;

Whereas all other government programs become questionable if we do not have a basic requirement: healthy, balanced soils on which most agriculture is based;

Be it resolved that the NB government adopts a transportation cost equalization program for lime/ash to allow all NB farmers to compete in what is now an uneven playing field with other provinces and also within NB.

Regions 1 & 2

7. Planting and Harvest Dates under AgriInsurance

Whereas climate change has seriously affected plantation and harvesting periods for several years;

Whereas plantation and harvesting dates currently established under the AgriAssurance program do not match today's reality anymore;

Be it resolved that plantation and harvesting dates for the AgriAssurance program be changed to take into account today's climate.

Region 2



New Brunswick Young Farmers Forum

NBYFF is pleased to present its 2019-2020 Board of Directors!

Keenan Kavanaugh: President & Region 1 Director
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Carolyn Wilson: Secretary & Region 3 Director
Matt Edmondson: Treasurer & Region 5 Director
Jordon Crawford: Region 6 Director
Ellen Folkins: Region 4 Director
Keegan Thomas: Director at Large
Region 2 Director: Vacant post

NBYFF is looking for input on future events and training sessions and want to hear from you! Please fill out this 5 minute survey and let us know what kind of activities you would like to see NBYFF put on this year or in the future.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y6S9XLK> (English)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/L9QBHW8> (Français)

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AgriStability & Advance Payment Program

The deadline to enrol for the 2019 AgriStability has been extended to July 2nd 2019. This step agreed to by Federal Provincial and Territorial governments will enable the program to help more farmers manage the impact of current market disruptions and production challenges facing many farm operations. For more information visit: <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2019/05/governments-extend-2019-agristability-enrollment-deadline.html>

The government amended the Agriculture Marketing Programs Regulations to temporarily increase loan limits under the Advance Payment Program (APP) These changes will help ease cash flow pressures and help manage the impacts of market disruptions in key export countries. The regulatory amendments changed loan limits for the APP for the 2019 year as follows: advances of up to \$1 million will be available on all commodities. The first \$100,000 will remain interest-free on all commodities, except canola. Canola advances will be eligible for up to \$500,000 (total) interest-free. For further details visit: <http://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/programs-and-services/advance-payments-program/?id=1462198969862>

Open Farm Day

Open Farm Day Registration is now open! Visit <https://www.fermenbfarm.ca/events/open-farm-day/> for information about the event, guidelines, and to register your farm as a participant!

Deadline to register is July 31st. Join us for Open Farm Day on Sunday, **September 15th, 2019!**



Feature article

Producers making strategic investments as land values increase, FCC report indicates

Average farmland value in Canada continued its steady climb in 2018, driven by fewer, but more strategic investments by producers.

With the steady rise in farmland values, producers are making more strategic investments. Whether it means paying a higher price for land that has potential to be more productive or buying in blocks to improve the efficiency of their operations, producers are sharpening their pencils with an eye on variable commodity prices.

The average value of Canadian farmland increased 6.6 per cent in 2018, following gains of 8.4 per cent in 2017 and 7.9 per cent in 2016, according to [FCC's 2018 Farmland Values Report](#).

In New Brunswick, average farmland values increased by 1.8 per cent in 2018, following increases of 5.8 per cent in 2017 and 1.9 per cent in 2016.

Although average farmland values have increased every year since 1993, recent increases are less pronounced than the 2011-2015 period that recorded significant average farmland value increases in many different regions.

Fewer land transactions in 2018 is consistent with a tight supply of land available for sale and a softening in demand, which is a reflection of farm income levelling off, variable commodity prices and rising borrowing costs.

Farm operators need to exercise caution, especially in regions where the growth rate of farmland values significantly exceeded that of farm income in recent years. At the same time, there is still a strong business case for buying more land, but not without carefully weighing the risks and rewards, he said.

There was a strong demand from producers for lower-valued land, which explains part of the average value increase recorded in some regions. It's a strategic investment that can pay off if the operation is able to extract more from that land and improve its overall efficiency.

To view the 2018 FCC Farmland Values Report and historical data, visit fcc.ca/FarmlandValues.

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Tame Forage Historical Production Information Datasheet
Fiche de données historiques sur la production fourragère

Veuillez soumettre votre information à:
Alliance agricole du N.-B.
alliance@fermenbfarm.ca

Please submit your response by: **June 1st 2019**
 Veuillez retourner vos réponses d'ici le **1er juin 2019**

- 1) Producer or farm name (optional)/ Nom du producteur ou de la ferme (optionel): _____
- 2) Can the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries staff contact you in order to obtain additional information? (Y/N) _____
- Le personnel du ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Aquaculture et des Pêches peut-il vous contacter pour obtenir d'autres renseignements? (O/N) _____
- 3) Contact information (optional)/Coordonnées (optionel):
 Tel/Té: _____ e-mail/courriel: _____
- 4) If a tame forage insurance program is developed, would you participate? (Y/N) _____
 Si un programme d'assurance de la production fourragère était mis au point, y participeriez-vous? (O/N) _____
- Type of production:
 Dairy/Exploitation laitière Beef/Boeuf Other/Autre _____

- Location of farm/ Endroit de la ferme:
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Historical yield information / Données historiques sur le rendement :

	Production by crop year / Production par année de récolte										
	2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		
	Total Harvest	□ ac/□ ha	Total Harvest	□ ac/□ ha	Total Harvest	□ ac/□ ha	Total Harvest	□ ac/□ ha	Total Harvest	□ ac/□ ha	
Dry Hay/ Foin sec	Round Bales (4 x 5) of _____ lbs Ballots ronds (4 x 5) de _____ livres										
	Other (specify) Autre (spécifier)										
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