



President's Message

The snow gently melts and we are (cautiously?) optimistically looking forward to another busy season in agriculture. I want to bring you best wishes and let you know what has been happening on your behalf since our last newsletter. As I start my second year as President of the AANB, and my final year as a Director for Region 6, I continue to be amazed by the number of issues that we are working on, and the collaborations we have established in order to achieve positive outcomes for our membership and the industry as a whole. We are still facing many challenges; with the TFW arrivals, unbelievably, being an issue AGAIN this year despite producers investing significant time and money in housing safety protocols.



By the time this newsletter reaches you, the executive will have met with representatives from the government departments helping to work towards positive changes on the resolutions brought forward at our AGM. In addition to wildlife damage, BRM and land use issues, one of the resolutions this year was to emphasize the need for improved government consultation on decisions that will directly affect producers. Too often producers feel their voice is not heard during the consultation process, and we will continue to work towards meaningful dialogue at every opportunity. The annual resolutions meeting has become a very productive time for AANB to talk with departmental staff and identify areas where we can work together for industry improvements. This meeting also allows us to bring relevant information back to the Membership.

I am very pleased to see that we have a bilingual livestock specialist starting work in the North-West region, after a long period of vacancy in that position. We have had funding announcements that allow our Workforce Development Coordinator to continue addressing short and long term labour challenges, the EFP coordinators to continue working with producers to identify and address on farm environmental strengths and challenges and Agriculture in the Classroom to continue developing and delivering programming around the province. We also held our spring Advisory Commodity Meeting virtually, and had great conversations among nearly 20 industry representatives. All sectors are still experiencing covid related challenges, but taking the time to share information certainly helps remind us that we can accomplish so much more when we work together. Looking forward, the staff is hard at work planning for Open Farm Day and the 2022 AGM.

I close by wishing each of you a successful season in whatever commodity you produce. Let us hope that we can find employees for all of the seasonal jobs we offer, that it continues to rain at least occasionally, farmers markets can safely open and we see a brighter future on the horizon.

Take care,

Lisa Ashworth
Agricultural Alliance of NB President

Message from the CEO

After starting the job as CEO of the AANB on April 1, 2020 from my kitchen table and having it as my work desk for the next 3 months, I found the learning curve quite steep. I also found out how wonderful my staff is, and that despite everything, we managed to be busier working at home during the pandemic than we ever were!

One of the first orders of business was to move forward with the resolutions that had been decided on being the priorities for the upcoming year. After a successful meeting with various departments, work on the resolutions began. By the time our 2021 AGM took place, most of the resolutions had been completed, with a couple that will continue to be ongoing, such as the Designated Roads Project and the Trespass Committee.

Our newly appointed Board of Directors has an active role on the direction the Alliance takes with issues put forward to us, they work on the membership's behalf to provide solutions to pressing matters we face, and make decisions that aide in advancing the agricultural sector of New Brunswick.

Moving ahead in 2021, we face a lot of uncertainty and will need to make decisions based on what we can foretell at the time. One thing we do know is that we will continue to be a champion for the agriculture industry in New Brunswick, and will continue to work closely with government and agriculture and agri-food groups and associations. We will continue to update the membership through our newsletters, e-activity reports, and emails. We will also update the website with any new links regarding programs and Covid-19 information.

The staff at the Agricultural Alliance of NB wish you all a healthy and happy 2021.

Anna Belliveau
Agricultural Alliance of NB CEO



The 2021 Census of Agriculture is on the horizon

In May 2021, Canadian farm operators will have the opportunity to take part in a national dialogue by completing the Census of Agriculture questionnaire.

The Census of Agriculture is a source of community-level data on agriculture. By drawing on these data, decision makers will act in the interest of farm operators, farm communities and agricultural sectors across Canada. Farm organizations are heavy users of census data and draw on this information to formulate policy recommendations, produce communications and outreach activities, and conduct market research.

What's new for the 2021 Census of Agriculture?

The online Census will be faster, easier and streamlined. Canadian farm operators will receive a letter in May 2021 with instructions on how to complete the census questionnaire online quickly and easily. The online questionnaire will be efficient for farm operators in a number of ways. It will automatically add totals and will only ask the questions that apply specifically to the operator's farm. This will reduce Statistics Canada's need to call farm operators to clarify their answers. Lastly, high-quality alternative sources of data will be used wherever possible to reduce response burden.

For more information, please visit the census website at www.census.gc.ca



2022 AANB's Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Thank you to all who attended our virtual Annual General Meeting in January. One-hundred people attended the meeting via Zoom including Alliance members, government officials, and industry stakeholders. A special thank you to all of our speakers and sponsors. We are also happy to announce our 2021-2022 Board of Directors, whose names and positions can be found on page 8 of this newsletter and our website: <https://www.fermenbfarm.ca/about-us/board-of-directors-committees/>.

Due to the ongoing pandemic and the uncertainties around gathering regulations, The Agricultural Alliance of New Brunswick's Board of Directors has decided that the 2022 Annual General Meeting be held virtually once again. Please note that for the safety of members and staff, there will be no in-person meeting next year. More details to follow via email.

Looking for Covid-19 Information? Check out our website!

To help guide our members through this difficult time, we've dedicated a page on our website to provide NB farmers with resources and information in regards to Covid-19 and the agricultural industry. Click the link for more info. <https://www.fermenbfarm.ca/covid-19-information/>

Access Prohibited Signs Still Available!

AANB printed Access Prohibited signs for members. Signs are available for purchase at \$5 each by cash, cheque or e-transfer. **The limit is now 20 signs per farm.** Signs must be picked up at the Fredericton office. Call 506-452-8101 or email us at alliance@fermenbfarm.ca to order.



WorkSafeNB's Farming Sector Health and Safety Initiative

As a farm owner, you know that your workers and family members are your number one resource. You care about what happens to them. So do we.

WorkSafeNB is committed to keeping New Brunswick workers healthy and safe through safety leadership, prevention initiatives, and compliance activities.

To continue to drive a safety-first culture in New Brunswick's agriculture sector, WorkSafeNB is preparing resources to help you understand and act to improve health and safety at your workplace. These resources will be shared through the Agricultural Alliance this summer and will include special attention on silo safety, machine safeguarding and monthly inspection checklists will help you prepare for future visits from health and safety officers.

WorkSafeNB recommends that farm operators regularly review operations, ensuring that proper training and safe working procedures are in place, and to regularly review their [COVID-19 operational plan](#).

Resources:

[Farm Safety Guide](#)

[Guidelines for Potato Growing Safety](#)

[Potato Harvesting Safety Orientation Checklist](#)

[Silos on Farms Create Dangerous Situations](#)



Issue Updates

1) Agriculture in the Classroom:

Our coordinator found new employment in March, and we are actively seeking a replacement to deliver the program to NB.

2) Resolutions Meeting with the Minister of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries

In April 2021, the AANB had a virtual meeting with Minister Johnson of the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries and Minister Holland of the Department of Energy and Natural Resources Development to discuss the resolutions from the 2021 AANB Annual General Meeting. The meeting was very productive and initiatives from the meeting will be brought forth at the upcoming AANB Regional Meetings in the fall.

3) Workforce Development Strategy

Our Workforce Development Strategy coordinator, Jessica McKenna, was hired in December, 2020, and is working diligently with various stakeholders including government departments and industry in order to implement the [Strategy](#).

4) Rural Roads Program

The roads that will be worked on in 2021 have been established by the AANB in collaboration with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DTI). Application forms for 2022 will be sent out this summer to producers.

5) Designated Roads Program

A list of the roads that producers have sent in has been passed on to DTI. They will have workers assess those roads to see if they warrant repairs.

6) Agriculture NB

For the past year, we have discovered that several voices together are stronger than one. For that reason, we have a couple of new coalitions. Agriculture NB is a coalition of AANB with the National Farmers Union in NB and Really Local Harvest, where we work together on issues where we have a common view, such as the reversal of the ban on the temporary foreign workers, changes to craft alcohol in NB, the importance of the NB food system, the push to have farm markets stay open during all phases of the Provincial Emergency Order, and asking for a reversal of the decision to have temporary foreign workers isolate alone in 2021. The three groups are also the voting members on the Labour Force Adjustment Committee, which was started in April, 2020 by government as a response to Covid-19. Agriculture NB is also on the steering committee for the Workforce Development Strategy along with our new coordinator for the project.

7) Farms and Forest NB

We also have a second coalition (Farms and Forests NB) with Forest NB, JD Irving, Bleuets NB Blueberries, Apple Growers of NB, and Unifor. This group has worked together on issues such as glyphosate spraying, herbicide education, and we are currently involved in the Green Paper on municipal reforms.

8) AANB and Seafood Processors

This group was formed in order to address initial Federal restrictions of Temporary Foreign Workers (TFWs) coming into the Province. A joint letter was sent to the Federal Minister of Transportation asking that the initial 3 day isolation in hotels before coming into the Atlantic Provinces be lifted, and that the TFWs be allowed to come in via flights into Provinces as there were none at the time. The Federal government then waived the 3 day isolation for asymptomatic TFWs coming into Canada and allowed for flights into Moncton and Halifax.

9) Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries (DAAF)

We continue to meet monthly with various representatives of DAAF in order to address issues and share information on both sides that is pertinent. We are also involved in the consultative process of the Local Food and Beverage Strategy, launched by DAAF in the fall of 2020.

10) Canada GAP

The AANB held two virtual workshops in May 2021 which were attended by a total of 20 people.

11) AAFC AgriStability

In November 2020, Federal Agriculture Minister Bibeau proposed removing the Reference Margin Limits (RFLs) and increasing the compensation rate from 70% to 80%. Although the RFLs were removed, the Provinces did not all agree to increase the compensation rate, and so it remains at 70%.

12) Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA)

CFA continues to work with Governments in order to secure the changes to Agristability. CFA is also working with Government in order to ensure the implementation of projects from the Federal \$750 million Universal Broadband Fund. This is additional funding to the \$1 billion announced in the 2019 budget for the same purpose. In April 2021, CFA presented the Labour Market Impact Assessment Under the Temporary Foreign Workers Program Submission to the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration, where they made suggestions on how to improve the program. CFA is pleased to announce a new communications initiative that will be starting in May. CFA will be launching a public facing quarterly newsletter on Canadian agriculture entitled Food for Thought.



Membership Renewals

We would like to remind you that the renewal period started on **February 1st 2021**. To register, you may access the form by visiting your closest SNB office or by visiting our website: www.fermenbfarm.ca/membership/farm-business-registration/.

For more information, contact our office by phone at (506) 452-8101 or email alliance@fermenbfarm.ca. Being a member of the Alliance provides you access to membership benefits, fuel purchasers' permit, farm plates and keeps you informed on important agriculture topics, and our activities.

Haskap NB

Haskap New-Brunswick, an association for producers of Haskap, advises you that any producer of Haskap are invited to become members. For more information contact Haskap NB President Paul Laplante at ibem.acadie@gmail.com

Environmental Farm Plan

The Agricultural Alliance of New Brunswick (AANB) is pleased to announce the appointment of Likhita Potluri as its new Environmental Farm Plan coordinator, effective March 15th, 2021!

Likhita obtained a Master of Environmental Management degree from University of New Brunswick in Fredericton, New Brunswick and has a Bachelor of Civil Engineering from Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University Kakinada in the province of Andhra Pradesh in India. For the full press release, [click here](#).

We strongly encourage all farms to complete a plan for the benefit of yourselves and the agriculture industry as a whole. Dairy farmers be aware that it's needed for proAction. If your farm has never done an EFP, please give us a call. Each farm can go through their plan on their own, either on paper or electronically. Likhita and John can mail you the workbook/action plan or mail a USB stick with the electronic program files you need.

Most farmers find it beneficial to have assistance completing the tables and answering the questions. We can do this online via Zoom (with screen share), video chat with Facebook Messenger, Skype video, or over the phone. Send us an email at efp-pfe@fermenbfarm.ca or call 506-259-0020.

Chimney Swifts are Returning to a Chimney (Or Barn) Near You!

We know relatively little about what's driving severe declines among swifts and swallows. Suspected causes include: nesting habitat availability; human-caused disturbances; changes in food supply (insect populations); and unpredictable severe weather events (climate change). And because these species roost or congregate in large groups to spend the night, they are especially vulnerable to degradation or loss of roosting sites.

Birds Canada is looking to address knowledge gaps and identify high-priority sites for Chimney Swifts, Barn Swallows, Bank Swallows, Cliff Swallows, Northern Rough-winged Swallows, Tree Swallows, and Purple Martins. You can help! Thank you for sharing casual observations, detailed nest reports, or roost site information.



<https://www.birdscanada.org/chimney-swifts-are-returning-to-a-chimney-near-you/>

Chimney Swift Photo: Ron d'Entremont

PigTRACE Mandatory in Canada

A reminder to all farmers and livestock dealers in NB that the PigTRACE Traceability program has been mandatory since July 1, 2014. The program is enforced by CFIA. This includes the ability to fine any person not complying with the Regulations.

All custodians of swine and carcasses are responsible to report the necessary information to PigTRACE Canada. Reporting can be delegated to a third party, such as a head office, marketer or transporter; however, the responsibility remains with the custodian.

If a livestock dealer or farmer purchases weaner pigs from a hog producer to resell to backyard producers, each individual weaner pig must be ear tagged with CFIA-approved PigTRACE ear tags and the movement must be recorded in their PigTRACE account. This means the livestock dealer must have a PID# and a PigTRACE account set up prior to purchasing the weaner pigs so they can report movement to their PID site. Each individual backyard producer must also have a PID# and a PigTRACE account so they can record the movement to their PID site. When the pig is ready for slaughter at a provincial abattoir, the pig will already be tagged and the abattoir will be able to record the movement to their PID#. **Every person involved in the movement of all pigs is responsible to report movement in PigTRACE, this is the law in Canada.**

PigTRACE is about improved emergency management. In the event of a food safety issue or foreign animal disease outbreak in the pork sector, traceability gives animal health officials and food safety officials the tools to quickly and effectively contain and deal with the situation. Improved response time reduces the economic impact on the industry, producers, and all Canadians. More information at this link <https://www.cpc-ccp.com/traceability>

Please help us spread the word to educate anyone who is not aware because they will be held liable under the Regulations. If you have any questions, please contact NB Pork at 506-458-8051 or PigTRACE at 1-866-300-1825.

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Feature article

Canada's farmland market remains strong, stable, FCC reports



Canada's farmland market remained strong and stable during a year marked by economic turbulence caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, according to the latest [Farm Credit Canada \(FCC\) Farmland Values Report](#).

The average value of Canadian farmland increased by 5.4 per cent in 2020, slightly more than the 5.2 per cent increase reported in 2019.

The report, which describes changes in Canada's farmland values from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2020, covers almost an entire year of disruptions caused by the pandemic. For Canadian agriculture, disruptions included temporary food processing plant closures, some displaced exports, sector-specific labour shortages and significantly altered consumer buying habits.

Since land is the most valuable asset on any farm operation, the agriculture land market is a good barometer for measuring the strength of Canadian agriculture. Despite having gone through a uniquely volatile year, farm income generally improved and the overall demand for farmland remained strong throughout 2020.

Despite important supply chain disruptions caused by the pandemic, commodity prices climbed in the last half of 2020 for many crops and interest rates kept close to historic lows. Domestic demand for food remained strong and global supply chains continued to have an appetite for Canadian food and commodity exports.

Producer investments in farmland are a reflection of their confidence and optimism. Agriculture presents opportunities as producers seek to expand, diversify or transfer their operations to the next generation.

Atlantic provinces saw the smallest average farmland value increases in 2020. Prince Edward Island reported an increase of 2.3 per cent, Nova Scotia's increase was 1.6 per cent and New Brunswick had a 1.3-per-cent increase. This follows more significant increases in 2019.

Weather played a significant factor in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, as well as other parts of the Atlantic provinces in 2020. The region experienced the worst drought in decades during the critical growing season, which significantly diminished the value of cash crops, as well as created hay and forage shortages.

Increases in farmland values reported across the country are as wide and varied as the factors that may have influenced them. Average farmland values have increased every year since 1993; however, increases were more pronounced from 2011 to 2015 in many different regions. Since then, Canada has seen more moderate single-digit increases in average farmland values.

Producers should have and maintain a risk management plan that takes into account possible economic changes, ensuring their budgets have room to flex if commodity prices, yields or interest rates shift. They also need to exercise caution, especially in regions where the growth rate of farmland values exceeded that of farm income in recent years.

The pandemic has underscored the value of having a comprehensive risk management plan that covers all risks areas: production, marketing, financial, legal and human resources. Farm operators need to have the financial ability to protect their operations from the potential impact of risks that may not be on their radar. Fluctuations in commodity prices and interest rates and/or unforeseen variations in production can diminish the ability to safeguard and build equity in the operation and successfully meet cash flow requirements

Given the uncertain economic environment, FCC recommends farmers, ranchers and food processors continue to thoroughly evaluate their investments.

J.P. Gervais, PhD
Vice-president and chief economist
Farm Credit Canada

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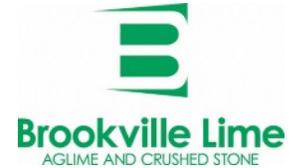
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2021 Resolutions

1. Deer mitigation

Whereas an increase in the local deer population is causing continually increasing and unprecedented damage to our crops in Region 4;

Whereas there is an existing wildlife nuisance program through DNRED that has, thus far, been unsuccessful in mitigating the damage of deer to crops;

Whereas there the existing wildlife damage compensation package offered by DNRED/MRNDE is woefully inadequate;

Be it resolved that the AANB explore, in consultation with DNRED, more effective options to help mitigate and control the damage caused by wildlife;

Therefore, be it further resolved that DNRED/MRNDE be encouraged to offer a more effective wildlife damage compensation package.

Region 4

2. Establishing government consultation with agricultural stakeholders

Whereas the Provincial Government unilaterally decided to stop all foreign workers from entering our province (the only province in the country to do so) this Spring (turning planes back the week they were scheduled to arrive) citing Covid-19, despite adhering to proper isolation guidelines established by the Chief Medical Health Officer, and

Whereas the farmers whose businesses invested in bringing this foreign workforce into the province properly, 2-weeks earlier and providing special accommodations to respect isolation guidelines, and totally relied on these workers to be able to fulfill their business plans for soil preparation and crop planting for the season in the short window needed to produce efficient, profitable crops, and

Whereas the farmers were left in a vulnerable position with no workforce to carry out their planting and harvesting, and

Whereas the agricultural producers of the entire province were insulted by the Provincial Government's attempt to take people off the street to fill the displaced necessary jobs, marginalizing the specialized work required on New Brunswick farms, questioning the ability of farmers' hiring practices, and thus demonstrating a complete lack of understanding of our industries and portraying this uninformed image to our neighbours, consumers, fellow New Brunswickers and beyond; therefore,

Be it resolved that the Agricultural Alliance of New Brunswick meet with the Provincial Government in conjunction with all Commodity Boards, to state our concerns with this unilateral approach and to reinforce the essential need for the Provincial Government to consult with our agricultural industries before making decisions that impact our businesses, seeking a commitment to that affect.

Region 3

3. Development of a financial aid program to assist farmers negatively impacted by severe weather

Whereas proper weather conditions are crucial to the success of all farm businesses, and

Whereas extreme weather conditions in the last 3-4 years have resulted in a shortage of forage and other crop yields and reserves in many sectors, thus requiring additional investments in purchased feeds, forage and other financing from lending institutions, driving costs up and outpacing revenues, and

Whereas the drought this year has resulted in reduced crop yields such as, only 65% yield of first cut silage, marginal or no second cut and a late marginal third cut for dairy farmers in certain regions; therefore,

Be it resolved that the Agricultural Alliance of New Brunswick together with the Commodity Boards work with the Provincial Government in conjunction with financial institutions to develop a financial aid program to help farmers negatively affected by weather conditions that will support all types of farm commodities to mitigate risk through a multi-faceted approach from direct financial aid to program supports like tile drainage, land development, feed assistance, etc.

Region 3

4. Payments promised by Federal government to farmers through various trade agreements

Whereas the Canadian Government made significant cuts to the supply management commodity markets in Canada in 3 successive trade agreements- CETA (Canadian European Trade Agreement), CPTPP (Comprehensive and Progressive Trans Pacific Partnership), and CUSMA (Canada United States Mexico Agreement), resulting in 18% of the domestic dairy production being replaced by foreign dairy farmers' products by 2024, amounting to an estimated annual loss of \$450 million for Canadian dairy farm families, and

Whereas the dairy farmers have been promised for two years, and most recently in the Speech from the Throne, to be provided "full and fair compensation" for all of these trade agreements, and

Whereas in 2019, the Federal Government announced \$1.75 billion in compensation for the CETA and CPTPP market cuts to be issued over 8 years, and has only issued 1 payment with no schedule of the future payments, and with no details on the CUSMA compensation at all, and

Whereas, the chicken, turkey and egg supply management commodities have not seen any compensation to date; therefore,

Be it resolved that the Agricultural Alliance of New Brunswick lobby the Federal Government in conjunction with the Commodity Boards to pay the supply management commodity farmers the "full and fair compensation" monies promised to them for the displacement of their markets as a result of the CETA, CPTPP and CUSMA trade agreements.

2021 Resolutions Continued

5. Protection of agricultural land

Whereas agricultural land is fundamental for the production of food;

Whereas certain investors use agricultural land for profiteering, which is in direct competition with farmers;

Whereas the protection of agricultural land for food production is essential for a sustainable industry and increased provincial self-sufficiency;

Be it resolved that the AANB lobby the Provincial government to make sure that agricultural land is protected and used for agricultural purposes only.

Region 1

6. Business Risk Management Programs – AgriStability

Whereas the risks faced by potato producers in New Brunswick are constantly evolving, these businesses must be able to rely on economic stability and access to effective risk management programs in order to continue to grow and thrive; and

Whereas governments have failed to recognize the significant variation in agricultural production across sectors and regions and therefore have not designed programming to better reflect the needs of potato producers, regardless of size or operating characteristics; and

Whereas Agri-Stability does not consider differences in the capital requirements, operating margin sensitivities, and other similar factors between various farm types when designing these programs; and

Whereas Agri-Stability is a whole farm program and “averages” the risk to individual commodities in a multi-commodity farm;

Be it resolved that the NB Agricultural Alliance advocate for changes to AgriStability in order to develop options that make the program more equitable for farmers and multiple commodity farms. More specifically, by removing the reference margin limit and re-establish the previous limit that triggers the AgriStability program, so that payments are made when margins for the program year fall below 85% of the producer’s historical reference margins.

Region 1

7. Business Risk Management Programs - Crop Insurance

Whereas most programs under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, such as Crop Insurance, are not working for Potato producers in New Brunswick; and

Whereas 2007, 2008 and 2011 were particularly high yield loss years in NB and in 2013 premium rates went up 40%, insurable yields dropped considerably, and participation dropped over 30%; and

Whereas a 10 year calculation to determine probable yield does not accurately represent our current increased yields due to better technology and business practices; and

Whereas current probable yield at NBAIC is approximately 235 CWT and Potatoes NB and Statistics Canada report over 300 CWT;

Be it resolved that the New Brunswick Agricultural Alliance and its member organizations lobby all relevant federal and provincial government Ministers and Members of Parliament respectively to model crop insurance programs that are working in other provinces for some commodities;

Therefore be it further resolved these same groups consult with private insurance organizations across Canada to determine if a hybrid program might better serve agriculture in New Brunswick.

Region 1

8. Need for veterinary services in the Bathurst/northeast region

Whereas veterinary service is essential to the livestock industry and in particular the well-being of all animals and;

Whereas the Bathurst/Northeast region has three veterinarians to cover a very large geographical area and;

Whereas two of the veterinarians presently employed are going to be on maternity leave simultaneously shortly in the new year of 2021 and;

Whereas the third veterinarian in this region is planning to leave Bathurst and seek employment elsewhere by April of 2021 thereby creating a huge void in veterinary service for this region and;

Whereas the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries has in recent years had many vacancies in veterinary service around the province causing much hardship and expense to both animals and owners therefore;

Be it resolved that the Agricultural Alliance lobby the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries to immediately commence actively pursuing replacement personnel to cover the veterinary needs of the Bathurst/Northeast region.

Region 2

2021 Active Resolutions

Active resolutions are resolutions that the board of directors have voted on as a priority for the 2021-2022 year.

Not all resolutions voted on at the most recent Annual General Meeting become active resolutions as some may take more time and resources to resolve. Therefore, you may see 2020 resolutions in this document - resolutions that AANB is now in capacity to take on and resolve.

The board of directors can go back up to 3 years of past resolutions to work on during the current year. This allows for membership voices to be heard and issues to be resolved.

The following resolutions have been deemed a priority for the 2021-2022 year:

- Deer/ wildlife mitigation
- Establishing government consultation with agricultural stakeholders
- Payments promised by Federal government to farmers through various trade agreements
- Protection of agricultural land
- Business Risk Management Programs – AgriStability
- Need for veterinary services in the Bathurst/northeast region
- 2020 Resolution - Legal Defence Trust Fund

IRCC Public Policies – Pathway to Residency

The pandemic has highlighted the contribution of foreign nationals in Canada, across all sectors and skill levels. During the global COVID-19 pandemic, there is an increased need to ensure that Canada has the necessary workforce to support the physical health and wellbeing of individuals, as well as the economic recovery. The public policies targets foreign nationals with at least one year of work experience in Canada in an essential occupation and foreign nationals who have been granted an eligible Canadian credential, and who are currently employed in Canada, in recognition of their economic contribution and in acknowledgement of the ongoing need that Canada has for these professionals.

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada's (IRCC) Outreach Officers would like to invite employers to attend a 30 minute virtual information session to learn about the new temporary public policies to facilitate the granting of permanent residence for foreign nationals in Canada. The presentation will be followed by an opportunity to ask questions.

May 18th, 2021

10am – English

2pm - French

[Please register here.](#)

Please contact Jessica McKenna at 506-452-8101 for more information.

Members Benefits 2021

Please present your Alliance membership card and these community partners listed will offer the benefits outlined. For further information, contact the Alliance office (506) 452-8101.

BY BEING A MEMBER, YOU HAVE ACCESS TO:

- **Farm license plates** through Service New Brunswick
- **Fuel tax rebate** associated with farm plated vehicles via the Department of Finance, Revenue and Taxation Division. visit www.gnb.ca/finance or call 1-800-669-7070
- **Education:** professional development opportunities & ongoing courses and workshops
- **Environmental Farm Plan** (available to all farmers)
- **Mulch Program**
- **AANB Newsletters & Monthly E-Activity Reports**

HEALTH PLAN

What: Coverage on prescription, eye, and dental
Where: Throughout the province of NB
Contact: GoTo Insure - Emily Murphy: (506) 850-1643
<https://gotoinsure.ca/>
Promotion: The Alliance has partnered with Dairy Farmers of NB through Go To Insure for health/drug plans at a discount price.

CHRYSLER CANADA

What: Fleet discount pricing on Chrysler vehicles
Where: Throughout the province of NB and Canada
Contact: (506) 452-8101 (Alliance office); www.chrysler.ca
Promotion: By being a member of the Alliance and having assigned a fleet # and proof of valid membership, you could save up to \$12,000 on the list price when purchasing a Chrysler/Dodge vehicle.

MARK'S

What: Work Apparel Retailer (work clothes)
Where: Fredericton, Saint John, Moncton, Woodstock, Sussex, Oromocto, Miramichi, Grand Falls, Bathurst, Tracadie-Sheila, Atholville, etc.
Contact: Chris Gillis; Chris.Gillis@marks.com
Promotion: 10% discount with Mark's card.
(Where an item is sale priced the lower price will apply)

PARTS FOR TRUCKS

What: Parts for trucks, farm equipment items, and different brands of vehicles and equipment.
Where: Moncton, Fredericton, Saint John, Miramichi, and Grand Falls.
Contact: 1-800-561-3980; info@partsfortrucks.com
Promotion: Members receive 10% off of Jobber (pricing level) when they mention the price file Agricultural Group Canada. NEW Aqueous Diesel Particulate Filter Cleaning available at the Moncton N.B. location, for Agriculture, Light Truck, HD Truck, and more.

COAST TIRE & AUTO SERVICE

What: Farm Tire & service program
Where: Locations throughout Saint John, Moncton, Dieppe, Fredericton, & Woodstock
Contact: (506) 674-9637 or (506) 647-5874 www.coasttire.com
Promotion: 10% discount on all farm tires

NORTH SHORE WELDING SUPPLY

What: Welding supplies/equipment, Safety & Work Apparel; Fire Extinguishers & Suppression Systems-Sales/Service
Where: 1555 Miramichi Ave, Bathurst, NB
Contact: (506) 546-9834; (506) 545-5864; Denys Lagacy: nsws@nbnet.nb.ca
Promotion: 10% Discount on retail price, excluding special offers.

GBS TECHNOLOGIES

What: Smartphones, Tablets & Tech Accessories, Office Phone Systems, Fleet Management, Office Automation & IoT Farming Automation, Monitoring Solutions, & Managed IT.
Where: 515 Kennedy Drive, Dieppe, NB E1A 7R9
Locations: New Brunswick
Contact: Chris Cassidy (Dieppe, NB); 506-232-4349
chris.cassidy@gbstech.com
Promotion: Exclusive pricing on business phone plans & devices (for new & returning customers). Unlimited Data Plans. 50% OFF an accessory on plans starting at \$75. FREE Managed IT Consultation.

KENT BUILDING SUPPLIES

What: Building supplies and other store items
Where: Throughout Atlantic Canada
Contact: (506) 452-8101 (Alliance Office)
Promotion: 5% discount off of any regular-priced, in-stock items to AANB members when presenting a valid AANB membership card at any NB Kent locations (discount is not applicable online or outside the province of New Brunswick). Members are to present their valid AANB membership card at the time of purchase and inform the store they will be using the AANB "Cash" account (Account #10001482). Members will be permitted to use the AANB "cash" account and receive a 5% discount on applicable items. Payment is due at time of purchase (cash or credit card only).

CANADIAN AGRICULTURE HR COUNCIL

What: AgriHR Tool Kit- everything you need to improve your people-management skills and develop key resources to help you find, retain, and support your employees.
Where: Throughout Canada and on-line.
Contact: 613-745-7457 or info@cahrc-crrha.ca
Promotion: 15% discount on retail price (reg. \$99) for on-line access to view and download the complete Human Resource toolkit. Use promo code: AANB.

TURNER DRAKE AND PARTNERS

What: Valuation and property tax advisory services by licensed, Accredited Appraisers specializing in farm valuation.
Where: Throughout New Brunswick
Contact: (506) 634 1811 or 1-800-567-3033 (toll free).
Promotion: 15% discount from our regular fee scale or competitive quote from any Accredited Appraiser (Appraisal Institute of Canada).

DULUX PAINTS

What: Paint & painting supplies
Where: Throughout Atlantic Canada
Contact: William Daisley (Fredericton) william.daisley@ppg.com
Promotion: AANB members will receive a default pricing of an extra 10% on tools & 20% off contractor pricing on Dulux & Glidden manufactured paints.