



## REPORTING DOCUMENT 2021

### LOBBYING

<p>Monthly meetings with various Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries (DAAF) representatives to discuss ongoing and new projects.</p>	<p>Agriculture NB (AANB, NFU-NB and RLH) held a joint press release regarding the restrictions imposed by the Provincial Government on Temporary Foreign Workers.</p>
<p>Regular meetings with Minister Johnson (DAAF) and other agricultural stakeholders to discuss issues of importance.</p>	
<p>A few meetings with Minister Johnson and representatives from the Department of Health and the Department of Justice and Public Safety to discuss the arrival of Temporary Foreign Workers into the Province.</p>	<p>Met with Provincial Government senior officials from DAAF and DNERD to address the 2021 resolutions.</p>
<p>The AANB Chairs a Trespass Committee with representatives from the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries, the Department of Natural Resources and Energy Development, the Department of Justice and Public Safety, and the NB Federation of Woodlot Owners. Amendments to the Trespass Act were sent to the three different departments in June, 2021. Numerous follow-up emails and questions have been made, and the Trespass Act lies with the Department of Justice and Public Safety. We have had no response from this department yet.</p>	<p>Agriculture NB sent joint letters to the Provincial Government regarding keeping farm markets open during lockdowns, Temporary Foreign Workers restrictions, and the removal of the sales threshold at NB liquor stores. We also sent a joint letter to the Federal Government in support of Bill C-206, to include propane as a qualifying farm fuel.</p>
	<p>Joint letter sent with Seafood Processors to the Federal Government asking for changes in the process of the arrival of Temporary Foreign Workers in Canada and in New Brunswick.</p>
<p>A coordinator for Ag in the Classroom (AITC) Coordinator was hired in June, 2021, but resigned shortly after. We realized the program had grown exponentially in the last few years, and we needed two people to run the program. After a meeting with Minister Johnson, DAAF announced they would be supporting our request to have two people hired using CAP funding. The AANB has hired an AITC Manager to start January 4, 2022. Shortly after, an AITC Coordinator will be hired in order to deliver the programs. In the interim, the Little Green thumbs and Little Green Sprouts programs are being delivered by the National Little Green Thumbs organization.</p>	<p>Farm and Forest NB had meetings with Ministers Johnson, Holland (DNRED) and Allain (DLG) to present how the Rural Municipal Reforms would potentially negatively impact farms and forestry industries. The group also sent a letter stating the same. The group also met with Ministers Johnson, Holland and Crossman (DE) to present the responsible use of pesticides in both industries.</p>
	<p>The AANB was on the working group for Local Governance Reform and, along with other stakeholders, voiced that Statements of Provincial Interest were needed in order to protect agricultural land and industries which would fall in Municipal boundaries. The white paper, released in November 2021, contains a section where Statements of Public Interest will be established to address this, and is the same as a Statement of Provincial Interest.</p>
<p>Worked with the Department of Transportation &amp; Infrastructure (DTI) to implement the Designated Roads Program and Non-Designated Roads Program.</p>	<p>The President and Vice-President of the AANB presented at the Standing Committee on Climate Change and Environmental Stewardship in June. Their message was for the use of approved pesticides, which are approved by Health Canada, as an agricultural tool used to produce food. Recommendations from the committee came out in November, with recommendations that include more studies, the establishment of advisory boards, and some further restrictions of spraying on crown lands.</p>
<p>Part of the Deer Nuisance Committee, Chaired by the Department of Natural Resources and Energy Development, in order to address how to improve the program. The AANB suggested that a process improvement exercise be performed using a process improvement facilitator. This was well received by the Department and we expect meetings will start in January 2022.</p>	

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<p>Labor Force Adjustment Committee is still active, but less so than in 2020. The committee asked the Department of Education, Post Labor and Training for more money in order to help compensate producers with Temporary Foreign Workers who had to pay out of pocket for lodging, meals, salary, etc. while they quarantined for 14 days at hotels set up by the province. This request was denied.</p>	<p>The Agriculture Workforce Development Strategy is still ongoing. Jessica McKenna, our coordinator, continues to work with producers and stakeholders to address the labor shortage in agriculture. A steering committee was established to help guide Jessica with priorities under the Strategy.</p>	<p>Member of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture.</p>
	<p>AANB is a stakeholder in the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture &amp; Fisheries (DAAF) Self-Sufficiency Action Plan, and is involved in several of the pillars under the plan, including the Local Food and Beverage Strategy, Education and Training, and Labour Needs.</p>	<p>Letters of support were written for CCNB-INOV, Université de Moncton, the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture, and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada for various projects.</p>
	<p>Agriculture in the Classroom – AANB will be hiring 2 staff for delivery of this program. A Manager will start in January, and a Coordinator will be hired soon after.</p>	<p>Member of the Atlantic Federation of Agriculture (AFA). Atlantic Veterinary College representation on the Advisory Council.</p>
<p>New Members Benefits to be announced for the 2022-2023 year</p>		<p>Member of the Canadian Agricultural Human Resource Council (CAHRC) and representation on their Board of Directors.</p>
<p>Sent out Newsletters and E-Activity reports to members, commodity groups and industry partners.</p>		
<p>Mulch program was redesigned in order to alleviate staff time and streamline the process for producers.</p>	<p>AANB applied and were selected to lead Phase 1 of the Federal Agriculture Climate Solutions project. Cedric McLeod is our coordinator for the project. The deadline for Phase 2 application is mid-January, 2022.</p>	<p>Prepared and sent E-activity reports and bi-annual newsletters to members, commodity groups and industry partners.</p>
		<p>Hosted Advisory Commodity Group- the group met on two occasions (April &amp; September).</p>
<p>Promoted courses, training and events in our communications, website and activity reports.</p>	<p>The Agricultural Alliance of NB continues to deliver the Environmental Farm Plan to any producer in the Province who desires assistance. Around 460 producers have a plan which is up to date (a certificate received within last 5 years).</p>	<p>AANB is part of Labor Force Adjustment Committee.</p>
<p>Organized the Atlantic Open Farm Day event in New Brunswick in collaboration with the other Atlantic Provinces.</p>		<p>Part of the committee on the Local Food &amp; Beverage Strategy lead by DAAF.</p>
<p>Provided a Canada GAP workshop in April 2021</p>		<p>Member of the Canadian Agriculture Safety Association (CASA) and representation on their Board of Directors.</p>
<p>Trespass signs are still available at \$5.00 each at the Alliance office in Fredericton.</p>	<p>New Online Environmental Farm Plan to be launched in the new year.</p>	<p>AANB sent various surveys to membership throughout the year. One in particular was to determine the need for agriculture weather services and one to determine the strategic plan of the Agriculture Climate Solutions project.</p>
<p>AgriStartNB will be renamed AgriNB and will be getting a brand new website to be launched in the new year. The website will now include additional components such as HR tools for farmers, immigration processes, training and development resources and industry contact.</p>	<p>A new sponsorship package was created with a streamlined process and more value at each level. We now have new Associate Members participating in the program.</p>	<p>Social Media- promoting facts and a positive image of the agricultural industry on AANB's Facebook page, which now has 2,200 page likes.</p>
	<p>AANB maintained a spreadsheet with producer information for Hay West, a program administered by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA).</p>	

