



## President's Message

Greetings,

Harvest 2022 is well under way and from what I hear, it is good one in most cases. That's a good thing considering a spring of record costs of inputs. I'm sure I don't need to remind us all of the list of challenges we face as farmers. The Alliance is there in the background doing the best it can to defend our interests and fight for our future and prosperity in New Brunswick. I am sure you are aware of what we are doing from our activity reports & emails sent and there's always work popping up to keep our wonderful staff busy. Thank you for all your hard work.

I would really encourage everyone to attend this year's regional meetings coming up this fall and to participate in the in-person Annual General Meeting happening in Fredericton on Thursday, January 19th, 2023. After two years of seeing faces on computer screens, it will be good to see people in-person. I also encourage anyone interested in agriculture in New Brunswick to get involved by either joining one of our committees or serving a term as a director on our Board of Directors.

It's still a very busy time for us here on the farm. I recognize that the stress and long hours of this season can take a toll on our farming communities. Rest assured that we appreciate the work and dedication you all bring to this industry.

Although this will be a short president's message, I wish you all a safe and prosperous harvest season. We encourage members to utilize AANB's programming & services to help with issues and challenges. The Alliance is here to find solutions and to listen to what farmers have to say. We are here to support you, our dedicated farmers of New Brunswick.

Have a good rest of the season,

Christian Michaud  
Agricultural Alliance of NB President



## Message from the CEO

Greetings!

We know things have been tough for farmers this year with the cost of everything going up exponentially, and we want to thank you all for producing our food under sometimes very difficult circumstances. Although we don't say it often enough, your hard work and dedication to agriculture is very much appreciated.

Here at the office, we are expanding some of our programs and have a new person working on the Shared Workforce Program which is under the Workforce Development Strategy. We also now have two people working for Agriculture in the Classroom and we are thrilled with the work being done so far. We also have two people working on the Environmental Farm Plan Program, and Open Farm Day's participants have reached pre-pandemic numbers.



The programs mentioned above are funded 100% by various sources such as CAP (administered by the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries), the Department of Post-Secondary Training and Labour, and the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency. We work closely with government in order to help guide various policies and changes in Legislature that will be implemented. We still also work with our coalitions to bring a stronger voice to issues that would affect farmers/woodlot owners, such as Bill-75 (Amendment to Mining Act) with Agriculture NB, or the Statements of Provincial Interest coming out of Municipal Reform with Farms and Forest NB.

I cannot say enough wonderful things about our staff who keep the office running and deliver programs. Although some of our staff work from home, they all work together and help each other when needed. It's not often you can find a workplace where everyone gets along, but that is the case here, and I am grateful to have the opportunity to work with them every day.

Now that things are opening up, we will have our first in-person Board meeting since 2020, which is very exciting, and our first in-person AGM since 2020 will occur on January 19, 2023. Although it will be a smaller affair, with only one day, we need to plan the AGM almost a year in advance, and at the time we wanted to make sure we could easily switch to an on-line meeting should restrictions be imposed again.

We hope you will be able to join us virtually at the upcoming Regional meetings, and are looking forward to any resolutions you have to submit. We will continue to update members through our newsletters, e-activity reports, websites and Facebook. We look forward to your continued support of the Alliance, and we wish you all good health and harvest in the fall.

Anna Belliveau  
AANB CEO





## **2023 AANB's Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

AANB is pleased to announce that its upcoming Annual General Meeting will take place in person on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. However, to remain flexible should AANB need to switch to an online event due to the rise in Covid-19 infections, there will be no banquet or booths offered next year. A hospitality suite will be available to members to get together on the Wednesday before the AGM. A block of rooms will also be made available for members. More details to follow via email and on our website <https://fermenbfarm.ca/events/agm/>.

## **AANB 2022 Regional Meetings**

We would like to invite you to the regional meeting of the Agricultural Alliance of New Brunswick closest to you. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom this year.

- Region 1 (Grand Falls):** Monday, October 24th at 6 pm
- Region 2 (Bathurst):** Tuesday, October 25th at 6 pm
- Region 4 (Sussex):** Tuesday, November 1st at 6 pm
- Region 5 (Fredericton):** Wednesday, November 2nd at 6 pm
- Region 6 (Wicklow):** Thursday, November 3rd at 6 pm
- Region 3 (Moncton):** Monday, November 7th at 6 pm

If you are not sure which region you are in, please call the office at (506) 452-8101. If you wish to submit a resolution by mail please contact us for a resolutions sheet.



There are many new initiatives at Agriculture in the Classroom New Brunswick. At the end of June we welcomed our new bilingual coordinator, Michelle Landry. Michelle has been a great addition to our team with her background as a classroom teacher and instructor at New Brunswick Community College.

AITC-NB has also released our new website. We are excited to provide teachers with access to curriculum linked resources, and opportunities to explore our programming and partners.

Visit the new Ag in the Classroom New Brunswick website here: [www.aitc-aec-nb.ca](http://www.aitc-aec-nb.ca).



## **Current Programming**



**Little Green  
Thumbs**  
Little Green Thumbs | We  
Make Learning Come



**Little Green  
Sprouts**  
Little Green Sprouts | Little  
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**Spuds in the  
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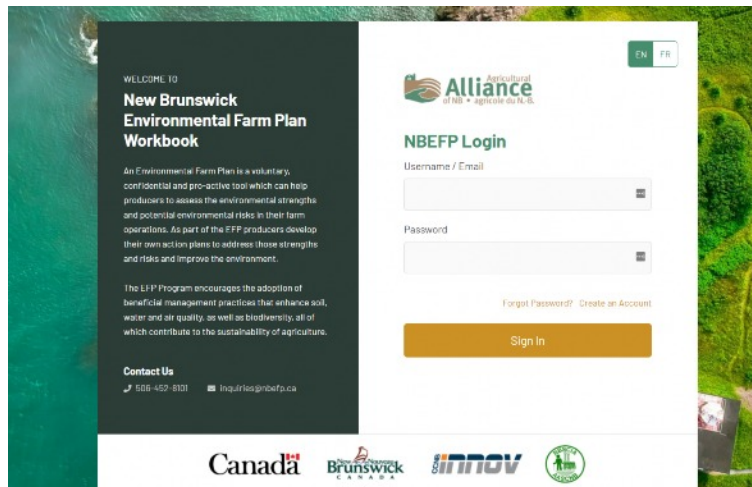
**Hydroponics  
with COVE**  
Learning Tools - COVE  
Ocean



## Online Environmental Farm Plan (EFP)

New Brunswick EFP team along with Agricultural Alliance of New Brunswick is pleased to announce that the much-awaited Online EFP platform is ready to be used by the producers of NB now. Producers interested in working on their Online EFP account can contact the EFP staff at **(506) 259-0020** or **(506) 381-2887** to assist in your update. The benefits of the Online EFP include:

- Access to historical data
- Storage and protection of data (Certificate, Action Plan, Aerial maps and soil maps)
- Easy access from the comfort of home
- Facilitates updating of content with evolution in environmental priorities, recommended BMPs and legislation Protection of producer data by two-factor authentication process
- Access to additional agri-environmental information



### Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) for Dairy producers of New Brunswick

Dairy producers of New Brunswick are required to have an up to date EFP for their **proAction** validation. If the certificate for your Environmental Farm Plan is at least 5 years old, or will be by next year, please contact our EFP Coordinator Likhita Potluri at **(506) 259-0020** to assist in your update. The Environmental Farm Plan is a living document and should be updated every 5 years to integrate new developments or technologies, or to make adjustments as conditions change in your enterprise.

### On-Farm Climate Action Fund

On-Farm Climate Action Fund (OFCAF) is a federally funded climate initiative to help farmers tackle climate change. It is being delivered in New Brunswick by NB Soil & Crop Improvement Association. The objective is to support farmers in adopting beneficial management practices (BMPs) that store carbon and reduce greenhouse gases, specifically in the areas of:

1. nitrogen management
2. cover cropping
3. rotational grazing practices

Please refer to <https://www.nbscia.ca/ofcaf-program-registration/> for further details.



The AgriNB team wishes to thank you for another incredible season of beautiful farm fresh food. AgriNB.ca is ever-evolving to provide a connection to the resources that can help you grow your farm. We've partnered with stakeholders around the province to create a hub of meaningful information that answers the questions you may have. Whether you are looking for more workers, available farmland, or to enrich your business through human resource development, the place to start is [www.AgriNB.ca](http://www.AgriNB.ca)

### **Recruitment Tips from Workforce Development**

As we wind down another incredible season across New Brunswick farms, the Workforce Development Team rolls up their sleeves in preparation for the next hiring season. Now is when we proactively plan for farm labour needs in the future by attending career fairs, creating engaging marketing to attract new talent, and building training programs to ensure we can safely welcome new skills to the farm.

As you reflect on the last year and think about the needs of your farm in 2023, you are already taking the first step in creating a recruitment strategy which is a critical step in today's workforce environment.

- What skills are needed on your farm?
- What personality or behaviours fit best with your management style and the culture of your farm?
- What value does your farm bring to a candidate?
- Where are the best places to advertise your job openings to find this person?

Knowing the answers to these questions ahead of time will give you a head start in hiring exceptional talent in the spring. If you would like support in proactively planning your workforce needs to ensure your job posts stand out from the crowd, connect with Jessica McKenna, Workforce Development Coordinator at [info@agrinb.ca](mailto:info@agrinb.ca)

### **Shared Workforce Pilot Program**

The Shared Workforce Pilot Program is a new Workforce Development initiative which aims to provide producers with solutions to their short-term workforce needs. If you are filling seasonal jobs, hiring a small crew for a temporary project, or filling in workload gaps periodically, your farm may be well suited for this pilot project. The program aims to launch in April 2023 but is currently seeking farms who would like to participate. To learn more, contact Jimmy Alam, Shared Workforce Program Manager at [evolution@agrinb.ca](mailto:evolution@agrinb.ca)

## **Agriculture Climate Solutions program (NB-ACS)**

AAFC has approved funding for the NB-ACS project and planning is well underway. The 'Agriculture Climate Solutions' program is focused on assessing opportunities for farmers to increase soil carbon sequestration or reduce nitrous oxide (nitrogen derived) GHG emissions from agricultural soils. The NB-ACS has been designed to reach a wide array of production models and geographic areas of the province in order to reach and engage as many farms as possible.

The 'Living Labs concept' is based on a Co-Development model that works to integrate scientists with commercial growers to Co-Develop research questions and strategies. This integration concept allows academic research an opportunity to be informed by 'on-the-ground' thinking, and vice versa.

The key to the success of the Living Labs model is wide engagement with industry and extension of the information generated through on-farm research. The NB-ACS Knowledge Translation and Transfer (KTT) strategy is currently under development and the management team looks forward to engaging producers across the province in the various regional and provincial meetings currently being planned for the 2022-2023 meeting season and provide more in-depth progress updates.

The project management team is currently working with stakeholders and contractors to identify the host sites where Beneficial Management Practices (BMP) research will be deployed in the spring of 2023. Fall work will see background soil nutrient content and soil carbon stock assessment samples collected for analysis over the winter months. We look forward to providing timely updates throughout the fall and winter to all stakeholders and the broader NB Agriculture producer community.

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# Issue Updates

## **1) Agricultural Climate Solutions Federal Program**

This is a multi-year, multi-million dollar project set out by the Federal Government. The goal of the Agricultural Climate Solutions Program (ACS) is to accelerate co-development, testing, adoption, dissemination and monitoring of technologies and practices, including Beneficial Management Practices (BMPs) that sequester carbon and/or mitigate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Phase 1 of the project has been completed and we have been approved for Phase 2 Proposal, which was submitted by our Coordinator, Cedric MacLeod, in April, 2022. We are still working through the process of submitting the paperwork to begin the project.

## **2) Rural Roads Program**

There is a set budget of \$100,000 through the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DTI) to maintain this program. We have asked for submissions to be sent no later than October 1, but will extend that date to November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. If you have a road that you previously submitted but has still not been done, you must re-submit the official survey each year. With a small budget, only a certain amount of work can be done. That said, we work with DTI to make sure the repairs are distributed evenly around the province.

## **3) Designated Roads Program**

District engineers for DTI have received the requests for the roads to be fixed and will shortly release their program for the upcoming year. There is no assigned budget for this program and the district engineers will decide at the end of April or early May if the submitted roads will be within this year's schedule to be repaired.

## **4) Statements of Provincial Interest / Municipal Reform**

Local governance reform is now underway in New Brunswick. This restructuring is being led by the Local Governance Reform team, in conjunction with local governments and stakeholder groups. The reform will lead to a great increase in private land, including farm land and forestry land, existing under municipalities, whereas now they do not. Just the acreage of farm land and forestry (including woodlots) lands in municipalities will be an increase of about 719% each. To put this into perspective, this will increase agricultural land in municipalities from 30,057 Ha to 245,978 Ha. We have drafts of the Statements of Public Interests, which are regulations that are supposed to protect farming and forestry practices. However, we feel they are too vague and they would not be able to stop municipalities from banning activities such as the application of pesticides. The Farms and Forests coalition, of which the AANB is a member, is working together with Government in order to find a solution to not only protect the farms and woodlots that will be in municipalities in 2023, but to protect future land usage as well.

## **5) Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries (DAAF)**

We continue to meet monthly with various representatives of DAAF in order to address issues and share pertinent information on both sides. This includes meetings with the Minister, Deputy Minister, Assistant Deputy Minister, Directors, and other representatives. We have had a consultation session regarding the Farm Land Identification Program (FLIP) reforms with DAAF and producers, and we continue to work with DAAF on the Local Food and Beverage Strategy. We have also recently had a consultation session with DAAF and industry stakeholders on the new Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership to begin April 1, 2023.

## **6) Atlantic Open farm Day in New Brunswick**

Open Farm Day in New Brunswick took place on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The event was deemed a success with 27 farms participating in New Brunswick and a total of 81 farms participating across the Maritimes. Farms had the option to participate either in-person or virtually through video or Facebook Live. The hybrid event featured diverse farms from all over New Brunswick, although most of them located in the southern part of the province. Activities included hay rides, farm tours, demonstrations, u-picks, food & beverage tastings and photo opportunities. Partnering with the other Maritime provinces, Atlantic Open Farm Day was heavily promoted through radio ads, print & on social media. Advertising guided visitors to the Atlantic Open Farm Day website, which was just launched last year. The website featured the farm profiles, activities, opening hours & interactive maps. The Agricultural Alliance of New Brunswick wants to take this time to thank all of the farms that participated this year. We hope to see you all next year.

## Issue Updates (Continued)

### 7) Trespass Committee

In May 2021, we sent some suggested amendments to the Trespass Act that included increased fines, adding non-timber plantations such as maple syrup and Christmas trees, and adding trespass by foot. In August 2021, the AANB was informed that Justice & Public Safety and DNRED (Department of Natural Resource and Energy Development) / DAAF are still working on briefing materials to present to senior management, and they will contact us once they are close to a final document. In January 2022, we asked again for an update on this file and we received a response in February stating that they are still considering changes to the Legislation, that they are working with DNRED and DAAF on this file, and that they will be in contact with us to discuss amendments. A fourth letter was sent in July 2022 asking for an update on this file, and we have not had a response yet.

### 8) Deer Nuisance Process Improvement

Producers, along with representatives of DNRED and DAAF, met virtually once a week from January 2022 to May 2022 and with the help of a Process Improvement Facilitator we looked into making the Nuisance Deer Management Program more streamlined for farmers who use the program. We now have steps that need to be taken by all parties, including a survey that will be going out to members by AANB at the end of October regarding any changes they would like to see in the hunting season. The timeline for the various steps to be taken and to get an improved program is set for July 2023.

### 9) Fertilizer Reduction Targets

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) have a plan to reduce fertilizer emissions by 30% from 2020 levels by 2030. Although we understand the need to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) in order to tackle climate change, the AANB has sent a letter to AAFC to express our opinion that the plan must remain voluntary and that funding should be set aside in order to assist farmers in transitioning into these new and better management practices. Focus should be on education, research and innovation, and consultation groups need to be set up with Government and industry.

### 10) Workshops/Webinars/Trainings

Throughout this past year we have held two workshops on Canada GAP, we have hosted three Webinars held by The Smart Energy Company on renewable energy sources, and we will have two training sessions (September and October) for staff and the Board of Directors on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in the workplace.



### **Membership Renewals**

We would like to remind you that AANB's membership renewal period will start on **February 1st 2023**. 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/](http://www.fermenbfarm.ca/membership/farm-business-registration/).

For more information, call us at (506) 452-8101 or email [alliance@fermenbfarm.ca](mailto:alliance@fermenbfarm.ca). Being a member of AANB provides you access to membership benefits, fuel purchasers' permit, farm plates and keeps you informed on important agriculture topics, and our activities.

## **AANB Membership Benefits**

Don't forget that as an AANB member, you can access exclusive benefits that are designed with farmers in mind! For the full list of benefits (available until January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023), please visit our website at <http://www.fermenbfarm.ca/membership/members/> or call the office at 506-452-8101.



## Agri-Management Services

### *GROWING AGRICULTURE TOGETHER!*

Agri-Management Services New-Brunswick is pleased to announce the appointment of a new Executive Director, Joanne Roy and a new Administrative Coordinator, Abigail Hachey to our current team with Brenda MacLoon as Financial Officer. With over 37 years experience, our team will provide you with expertise and services in Administration, finance, Human Resources, and overall business management operations for your association, commodity groups or individual farming or producer operations.

#### Services offered:

- Operational oversight of the organization activities
- Office management functions – filing, managing correspondence, phone inquiries,
- Ensure due diligence of the organization
- Database management
- Establish measures to ensure financial integrity, and accountability to BOD
- Assist in production and distribution of communication materials, such as newsletters
- Advise Board on policies, programs and strategic direction planning
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- HR payroll administration for staff and contracted project employees
- Development of Board Meeting Agendas and AGM's
- Organize BOD meeting logistics
- Coordinate planning of special events

Reach out to us today to further discuss how we can help move your association forward with a cost effective, professional, and reliable service.

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### QUOTA OPPORTUNITY

#### Chicken Farmers of New Brunswick: New Entrant Program

Chicken Farmers of New Brunswick announces the availability of chicken quota to individuals or companies who wish to enter the chicken production industry in New Brunswick. Up to 208,000 live kilograms will be available to the new entrant starting in 2023.

To receive an application package, interested parties should send a request in writing:

**Quota Opportunity**  
**Chicken Farmers of NB**  
277 Main Street, Suite # 1  
Fredericton, NB E3A 1E1

Or you can request an application form by e-mail: [nbchicken@nb.aibn.com](mailto:nbchicken@nb.aibn.com)  
**Only application received no later than December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 will be considered**



## Feature article

### Producers can adapt to the new economic reality in Canadian agriculture



Canada's agriculture industry is in a good position to weather inflationary pressures and higher interest rates.

We are in a unique position where record farm revenues are helping to offset the impact of a sharp increase in input costs and rising interest rates. The key for producers is to pay close attention to projected income and expenses to avoid any cash flow challenges that could put pressure on operations.

The ability to service debt is arguably the most critical financial risk indicator for a farm operation.

FCC's most recent projections suggest farm cash receipts could climb 15.9 per cent to \$96 billion in 2022, driven by robust commodity prices and prospects of much stronger crop yields than last year. This would surpass the 2021 record high, which was itself an increase of 14.9 per cent over 2020.

Even if our projections were more modest, the Canadian agriculture industry certainly seems financially healthy and in a good position to weather inflationary pressure and higher interest rates.

Yet, operations will need to adjust to farming under higher interest rates – a situation unlike the one experienced for the last 15 years. The Bank of Canada increased its overnight rate by three per cent in the span of six months and further incremental increases are expected within the year.

Inflationary pressures on farm inputs are widespread. Fertilizer prices saw a year-over-year increase of at least 50 per cent, and even more than doubled in some cases. Feed prices climbed more than 40 per cent year-over-year and farm fuel has increased by more than 35 per cent. Inflationary pressures on farm inputs have dampened the outlook and contributed to an overall increase in farm debt, which rose by 7.1 per cent to \$129 billion at the end of 2021.

FAC recommends producers test various scenarios regarding commodity and farm input prices, yields and interest rates to better understand their financial risk exposure. They can then identify different strategies to mitigate those risks if they find themselves in situations that exceed their risk tolerance.

If a producer is already carrying significant financial risk, then reducing the risk of rising interest rates may be a prudent strategy. I'm not saying that everyone should lock in, but every producer needs to understand how different scenarios could play out and to do what's right for their business.

By sharing economic knowledge and forecasts, FCC provides solid insights and expertise to help those in the business of agriculture and food achieve their goals. For the most recent economic insights and analysis on farm cash receipts, interest rates and inflation, visit FCC Economics at [fcc.ca/Economics](https://fcc.ca/Economics).

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



## Board of Directors 2022

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## Associate Members



## PorcNB Pork & PorkPEI has a new Executive Director

### - Denise Cassidy

Denise grew up on a dairy farm in south central New Brunswick. After high school she completed her BSc. in Animal Science at Dal AC. First adventures in the Swine Industry were at Metz Farm in New Canaan. Day to day duties included breeding, feeding, and managing the boars. After years of milking cows for many dairy farms in the Sussex area; including their own, this was a nice change. In 2008, Denise and her husband moved their family to Ontario to pursue new adventures in Agriculture.

Again, entering the Swine Industry as Swine Barn manager at the Trouw Research Farm in Burford, Ontario; Denise managed both the barn staff and the research trials. Cargill then snatched her to work in their Woodstock, Ontario office as the "Dealer in the House"; managing the direct sales of Swine feed to over 30 clients, working closely with Customer service, logistics, Territory Sales managers and producers. At this time Denise joined the Ontario Pork Congress (OPC) and dedicated time to "Bite of Brant"- An ag awareness committee for Grade 5 Students.

Denise entered the Animal Health world with Vetoquinol as a Territory Manager in Ontario and Atlantic Canada; managing this area for the past 7 years. It was during this time she joined the Ontario Pork Industry Council (OPIC) Board, being involved for 5 years and on the Executive for the past 2 years.

"My passion is agriculture, and I am happy to be back home in the Maritimes! I look forward to defining my new role as Executive Director of PorcNB Pork and PEI Hog Commodity Marketing Boards. I will continue to be an advocate for agriculture, producers of the day and mental health. " - Denise Cassidy, Executive Director of PorcNB & PorcPEI.



## NEW BRUNSWICK Nuisance Deer Management Assistance Program

### 2022 FACT SHEET

- What?** The Nuisance Deer Management Assistance Program (**NMAP**) will allow eligible agricultural producers who have experienced economic loss due to deer damage to receive special permits authorizing hunters to harvest up to two antlerless deer. The permits are issued to hunters who are chosen by the producer to harvest deer on their property. Permits will be provided to harvest only antlerless deer, as removal of those deer will have the greatest effect on controlling local populations. The number of available permits will be determined for each property by the Department of Natural Resource and Energy Development (**DNRED**) on a case-by-case basis.
- When?** NMAP permits will be valid for use by hunters only during the open deer hunting season for the local area of the property (October 3 – November 20, 2022).  
**Application dates are September 1 to October 31, 2022.**
- Why?** Deer can have significant impacts to agricultural producers. DNRED is working with the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries (**DAAF**) to help reduce local deer densities in a manner that is safe, effective and acceptable to most residents. Allowing hunters to harvest extra deer is an efficient approach to address the issue while allowing public benefit from the resource.

#### HOW TO APPLY FOR A NUISANCE DEER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PERMIT

Professional agricultural producers that are eligible for the **Wildlife Damage Compensation Program** or the **Wildlife Damage Mitigation Program** (administered by DAAF) are eligible to apply:

- STEP 1** **Contact DAAF Wildlife Damage Compensation Program Coordinator to express your interest in obtaining NMAP permits for your property.** – Eligibility for the **Wildlife Damage Compensation Program** or the **Wildlife Damage Mitigation Program**, and Property Identification Numbers (PIDs) are required to apply. DAAF will forward eligible applications to DNRED for assessment.
- STEP 2** **Site Assessment** – Private properties greater than 1 acre with legal hunting potential are eligible. Properties may receive a site visit by DAAF and DNRED staff to assess for crop damage, any potential hunting safety concerns, and the number of permits to be issued. Hunting will NOT be allowed within 100 meters of neighboring dwellings. Discharge distances for archery may be reduced from the landowner's dwelling with the landowner's permission. Applications for privately leased lands must include signed permission from the landowner.
- STEP 3** **Approval** – Qualifying agricultural producers will receive written notification from DNRED of the number of NMAP permits that will be issued for their respective property (PID) and any conditions that may be applied.
- STEP 4** **Selection of Hunters** – Most landowners desire some control over who accesses their property. It will be the responsibility of the producer to select hunters to hunt deer on their property under a NMAP permit. Producers will provide each hunter's name, address and 2022 deer hunting license number to DNRED. Once approved, agricultural producers can pick up their NMAP permit package from a local DNRED office, and eligible hunters can pick up their permit(s) from the agricultural producer.

#### NOTE:

- Only hunters holding a current Class III Resident deer hunting license are eligible for NMAP permits;
- Up to two **antlerless** deer may be harvested under a NMAP permit;
- The NMAP permit is in addition to the normal one-deer bag limit;
- Hunters must register the harvested deer at an DNRED office.

#### DAAF Wildlife Damage Compensation Program Coordinator:

(506) 744-0915; email: [monic.thibault@gnb.ca](mailto:monic.thibault@gnb.ca)

#### Local DNRED offices, please see:

<https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/erd/fish-and-wildlife/content/Regions.html>

**Application ends on October 31, 2022. Processing times for applications could take up to 3 weeks, but may vary depending on volume.**