

# FARMER'S UPDATE

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### >>> POST AGM UPDATE

Thank you to all who attended our 17th Annual General Meeting in January 2023. Over one-hundred people attended the meeting 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 2023-2024 Board of Directors, whose names and positions can be found on page 15 of this newsletter and our website: <https://www.fermenbfarm.ca/about-us/board-of-directors-committees/>

AANB is pleased to announce that its Annual General Meeting will take place in person on Thursday, January 18th, 2024. 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.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

FROM JOËL LAMARCHE



**JOËL LAMARCHE**  
**PRESIDENT**

*"Working in harmony with nature, we look forward to the seed challenge that lies ahead as spring arrives early this year."*

It is with great pride that I introduce myself to you today as the new President of the Agricultural Alliance of New Brunswick. My name is Joel Lamarche, I am a grain producer from St-Quentin and I am delighted to take the reins of this organization.

We know that this new year will be a challenging one for our industry, especially with input prices continuing to rise. Although this increase is less severe than in previous years, we know that this still represents a major challenge for farmers. We will therefore have to work together to find innovative and efficient solutions to keep our agricultural production afloat and meet the needs of the population.

Thanks to the new agreement signed with the "Canadian Partnership for Sustainable Agriculture", we have obtained a 25% increase in the budget dedicated to our association. This financial support is essential to ensure the continuity of our ongoing projects at the AANB and to pursue our commitment to sustainable agriculture.

Recruitment of qualified labour remains a major challenge in agriculture. We have implemented a new tool, the Agrinb website, which allows employers to be more easily matched with potential employees.

With respect to municipal mergers, we continue to work with the government to obtain clear and fair regulations to ensure that we can continue to work effectively and in the best interests of our agricultural community.

I would like to thank all the members of the Agricultural Alliance for their trust, support and commitment to our mission. I am also extremely grateful to the Alliance team for their outstanding work and unwavering dedication to our projects. It is through their professionalism, expertise and commitment that we are able to achieve our goals and advance our mission to support and promote sustainable agriculture in our community.

Working in harmony with nature, we look forward to the seed challenge that lies ahead as spring arrives early this year.

I wish each of us a great season, full of success and satisfaction, and may our hard work pay off.

# MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

FROM CEO, ANNA BELLIVEAU

Greetings!

The growing season is upon us and I want to wish everyone a wonderful spring and summer. Although winter seems to be dragging on later than usual this year, there are signs of improvement already with warmer temperatures melting away the snow.

Here at the office, we are expanding programs to include a new initiative in collaboration with the National Farmers Union in NB and Really Local Harvest that we have been working together on for the past year now. It is the Mental Health and Farm Safety Initiative, and we are currently in the process of hiring a coordinator for the program. Hopefully we will have someone at the time this newsletter comes out.

We also have our other programs which include Environmental Farm Plan, Agriculture in the Classroom, Workforce Development, and Shared Workforce, as well as our big Federal five-year project, Agriculture Climate Solutions – Living Labs.

The programs mentioned above are funded 100% by various sources such as the new Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (SCAP), which is administered by the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries, the Department of Post-Secondary Training and Labor, the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, and various other sources. We work closely with government in order to help guide various policies and changes in Legislature that will be implemented. We also work with our coalitions of Agriculture NB and Farms and Forests NB when there are matters that affect all farmers and our values align.

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.

Our in-person AGM in January at the Crown Plaza was very successful, with many people in attendance. We will be following the same format in January 2024. It was great to see the people again after a two year absence.

We will continue to update members through our newsletters, e-activity reports, websites (AANB and AgriNB) and Facebook. We look forward to your continued support of the Alliance, and we wish you all good health and a great growing season.



**ANNA BELLIVEAU**  
**CEO**

*"The growing season is upon us and I want to wish everyone a wonderful spring and summer."*



# GENERAL INFORMATION

## >>> MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

We would like to remind you that the renewal period started 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, contact our office by phone at **(506) 452-8101** or email [alliance@fermenbfarm.ca](mailto: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.

## >>> TRESPASS SIGNS

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](mailto:alliance@fermenbfarm.ca) to order.



## FARM OF THE MONTH <<<

The AANB continues to look for more interest in the "Farm of the Month" campaign.

This campaign features various farms from across New Brunswick by showcasing who they are, what they do, etc. This will give the opportunity for producers to get free publicity through the AANB Facebook page and website, while increasing awareness of different types of agriculture across the province.

Visit <https://fermenbfarm.ca/farm-of-the-month/> to find out more about the Farm of the Month.

For more information on how you can take part in the Farm of the Month campaign, reach out to Dylan LeBlanc by email at [marketing@fermenbfarm.ca](mailto:marketing@fermenbfarm.ca)

# ISSUE UPDATE

## ➤➤➤ 1) MENTAL HEALTH AND FARM SAFETY PROGRAM

Agriculture NB, our coalition with the National Farmers Union in NB and Really Local Harvest, has teamed up together with the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries to bring a new Mental Health and Farm Safety Program to the Province. We are in the process of hiring a coordinator in order to officially launch the program.

## ➤➤➤ 2) AGRICULTURAL CLIMATE SOLUTIONS (ACS) – LIVING LABS FEDERAL PROGRAM

This is a multi-year, multi-million dollar project set out by the Federal Government. The goal of the Agricultural Climate Solutions (ACS) – Living Labs 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. We have begun Phase 2 of the Program, with the program Coordinator, Cedric MacLeod. Twenty-five commercial research sites will be launched this spring.

## ➤➤➤ 3) RURAL ROADS PROGRAM

There is a set budget of \$100,000 through the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DTI) to maintain this program. We received submissions for road repairs in the fall in the amount of \$150,000. Since not all roads can be repaired, DTI has allocated some funds to most of the roads we had received, and work will begin this spring.

## ➤➤➤ 4) 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.

## ➤➤➤ 5) RESOLUTIONS MEETINGS

We have separate meetings coming up in the first week of May with the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries, and the Department of Local Government to discuss the resolutions from the AGM and how to move forward with them.

# ISSUE UPDATE (CONTINUED)

## >>> 6) 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.

## >>> 7) SUSTAINABLE CANADIAN AGRICULTURE PARTNERSHIP (SCAP)

SCAP is the new federal/provincial/territorial framework that replaces CAP, which ended March 31, 2023. The new five-year funding stream is now open for applications. Please visit

<https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/10/agriculture.html> in order to see the various programs and application forms.

## >>> 8) DEER NUISANCE PROCESS IMPROVEMENT

A survey was sent to members in order to discover what would be the best months to allow for the harvesting of nuisance deer. The results of the survey will be analyzed by the Department of Natural Resources and Energy Development.

## >>> 9) CFA SUMMER MEETING AND TOUR

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture, which is our federal umbrella group, is holding their annual summer meeting and tour in Fredericton. The AANB is responsible for organizing the tour and supper on July 17th. We are in the process of finalizing the details on this and will update in the next e-activity report.

## >>> 10) NB POWER RATE DESIGN

NB Power is proposing a new rate design for various entities, and farms are included. They are proposing that farms which produce over a certain amount of power be classified as commercial, instead of the current residential rate they are currently at. The AANB is sitting as an intervener at the hearings taking place, and the Environmental Committee is very active on this file. We have met with NB Power representatives and have upcoming meetings again with them. We have also requested a meeting with Ministers Johnson and Holland to relay our concerns.

## >>> 11) WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

This position is currently vacant after Jess left in March. A job ad was posted, we received some application, and interviews will be done in the next few weeks. Hopefully we can get someone in place sometime in May.





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## ➤➤➤ ONLINE ENVIRONMENTAL FARM PLAN

The New Brunswick Environmental Farm Plan (NBEFP), administered through the Agriculture Alliance of New Brunswick, has launched its new website that provides New Brunswick producers access to a digital version of their farm plans. The NBEFP is a self-assessment tool used by producers to analyze environmental strengths and weaknesses on their farm. Producers are encouraged to create action plans, which will create sustainable solutions for their farms.

The New Brunswick Environmental Farm Plan website makes assessments easier to access online and can be found by visiting <https://www.efnbpfe.ca/home>



## AG PLASTICS IN THE ENVIRONMENT

Now is the best time to clean up around your farm. Trash is more evident with leafless trees and the land is drying up. Please ensure that the area around your farm is not a source of plastic pollution. Kennebecasis Watershed Restoration Committee (KWRC) has done plastic incidence surveys and found plastics from agriculture in the streams and riparian areas. In addition to being an eyesore, there is concern of breakdown into microplastics in the aquatic environment and ingestion by fish and shellfish. It is estimated that the oceans could contain 1 tonne of plastic for 3 tonnes of fish in the coming years. But it comes from land-based human activity. Plastics may come from poorly managed silage and haylage plastic (sometimes complete bales, which have floated from floodplains), jugs, totes and old farm dumps along watercourses.

More information is available at [www.kennebecasisriver.org/plastics](http://www.kennebecasisriver.org/plastics)

## PROTECTING SPECIES AT RISK ON FARMLANDS <<<

Agricultural landscapes often provide vital habitat for wildlife, including species at risk. That is why Nature NB has been working in partnership with the Agricultural Alliance and other stakeholder groups to implement conservation actions on farms across the province. The dedicated project team has come up with conservation strategies that will work to protect and restore farm ecosystems for species at risk like bobolink, wood turtle, barn swallow, little brown bat and more. These strategies range from simple actions like planting trees and reducing light pollution, to more complex actions like riparian restoration and controlling domesticated predators.

Now, we want to hear from you! Tell us your thoughts on our conservation strategies and let your voice be heard. Fill out the short survey to learn more about the strategies and to share your thoughts and opinions. Additionally, if you would like to become involved in the project, you can leave your contact information and we would be happy to follow up with you on conservation actions for your property. Together we can all work to protect species at risk on agricultural lands!

<https://www.naturenb.ca/agriculture/>

## >>> AGRINB JOB BANK

The AgriNB Job Bank is a comprehensive online platform that connects agricultural employers with talented job seekers in New Brunswick.

This resource provides a simple and effective way to advertise job openings and connect with qualified candidates. Employers can post job positions, free of charge, for job seekers to apply for. This allows the job posts to reach a wider audience particularly interested in agriculture and helps the employer find the best candidates quickly and easily.

The platform features a user-friendly interface, making it easy to create and manage job listings, search for jobs, and apply for job openings.

[www.agrinb.ca/jobs](http://www.agrinb.ca/jobs)



## CALM & AG IN THE CLASSROOM NB <<<

AITC-NB had a busy and successful Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month in March. We started the month with a volunteer day with staff from McCain. The 18-person team helped to assemble 100 bilingual seed kits for classes across the province. Deliveries were made to both Anglophone and Francophone school district offices across the province along with 200 What's In Your Lunchbox kits, and 575 copies of the book Plant, Grow, Eat, Share and Devlin Saves a Lamb.

An Art and Agriculture unit was created for anglophone teachers in grades 3-8, with over 185 digital copies being requested in March. For our Francophone teachers Michelle Landry, our bilingual coordinator, worked with artist Rejean Roy and La Cave Media to create a video series using agriculture as the inspiration for an art project. Jeunes agriculteurs à l'œuvre! can be found on our YouTube page:

<https://www.youtube.com/@agricultureintheclassroomnb>.

AITC-NB participated in a STEAM expo for ASDW and the 4H NB leadership weekend in the month of March as well. The month finished with the Carleton North Ag Expo. Together with Nutrients for Life, Agriculture and Agri-Foods Canada, and Valerie Carmichael, ASDW community school coordinator, we hosted 600 middle and high school students. The event showcased careers in agriculture and introduced them to companies in their area.

For the month we had 24,175 student experiences and handed our 967 resources to teachers across the province. We look forward to growing our contributions next year





# RESOLUTIONS

## >>> HOLD IN-PERSON MEETINGS

**-Whereas** it is important for farmers to get together to discuss issues pertaining to their farms;

**-And whereas**, Zoom meetings work from time to time, but have clearly shown a dramatic reduction of farmer participation from the Moncton Region;

**-And whereas**, the Fall Regional meetings are the only time regional farmers meet during the year;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Agricultural Alliance of N.B. hold in-person Fall meetings through workable means such as pre-registration, hi-bred meetings, etc., unless Public Safety rules otherwise.

Region 3

## >>> AANB TO LOBBY THE GOVERNMENT TO ESTABLISH PARAMETERS AROUND THE MANAGEMENT OF AGRICULTURE

**-Whereas** the Province of New Brunswick has created a new municipal entity structure;

**-And whereas**, farmers' representation is little to non-existent on these new councils;

**-And whereas**, little to no explanation has been provided on the decision-making ability or consideration of "Groups of Special Interest" which include agriculture;

**-And whereas**, land use, protection of agricultural lands and decisions impacting the farming community is not understood by many local people, but vital to farm operations;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Agricultural Alliance of N.B. lobby the Provincial Government to establish clear parameters surrounding the management of agriculture lands and activities with a provincial standard that supersedes local municipal decision making.

Region 3

## >>> DEFINE AND PROVIDE CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATED AND NON-DESIGNATED ROADS

**-Whereas** the determination between "designated" and "non-designated" roads in the province is confusing and unclear;

**-And whereas**, there are permanent residents living on "non-designated" roads who should qualify for regular road service;

**-And whereas**, farmers need proper roadwork done on roads they use for farm business;

**-And whereas**, there are different programs/requisites for each type of road;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Agricultural Alliance of N.B. lobby the Department of Transportation to clearly define and provide criteria used to determine "designated" and "non-designated" roads.

Region 3

# RESOLUTIONS (CONTINUED)

## >>> FARMLANDS & FARM BUILDINGS BE EXEMPT FROM REGIONAL COMMISSION TAXES

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Region 3

## >>> AANB LOBBY THE NB SOIL AND CROP ASSOCIATION

-**Whereas** the N.B. Soil and Crop Association is a non-profit N.B. farmer organization run by N.B. farmers, for N.B. farmers with their own board of elected representatives through regional representation;

-**And whereas**, the work of the N.B. Soil and Crop Association is carried out by paid co-ordinators throughout the regions, yet these positions may not be renewed as of March 31/23;

-**And whereas**, the N.B. Soil and Crop Association has a healthy multi-million dollar budget from the Federal Government designed to help us with environments costs whereby these co-ordinators provide a needed service in helping with applications, education, and soil health;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Agricultural Alliance of N.B. lobby the N.B. Soil and Crop Association, and government if necessary, to ensure the regional co-ordinators remain to help farmers with complex applications, soil samples, fertilizer recommendations and crop and soil health.

Region 3

## >>> LEGISLATION TO PROTECT FARMERS

-**Whereas** the provincial government implemented a municipal reform

-**Whereas** this will affect all agricultural producers in one way or another.

**Be it resolved** that the government put key legislation in place to protect farmers  
(One key piece would be finally put the long awaited farmland protection act in place and the needed changes to the FLIP program)

Region 4

# RESOLUTIONS (CONTINUED)

## >>> ENCOURAGE DAAF TO CONTINUE FUNDING NBSCIA

-**Whereas** Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) and the province of New Brunswick (DAAF) are renewing the Canadian Agriculture Partnership program, now called the Sustainable Canadian Agriculture Partnership (SCAP);

-**And whereas** AACF is funding three other national environmental programs including the Agriculture Climate Solutions (ACS), On Farm Climate Action Fund (OFCF) and Resilient Agriculture Landscapes Program (RALP) ;

-**And whereas** these programs are going to require a lot of administrative capacity to deliver;

-**And whereas** NBDAAF staff will be stretched to deliver some of these programs and will have limited time to devote to their day to day requirements;

-**And whereas** NBSCIA has had an environmental mandate for many years.

**Therefore, be it resolved** that AANB strongly encourage DAAF to continue funding NBSCIA from the new SCAP program so that NBSCIA can continue its mandate of delivering environmental services, programs and advice to crop producers of New Brunswick.

### Region 3

## >>> VETERINARY SERVICES IN NEW BRUNSWICK

-**Whereas** there has been a lack of adequate food animal Veterinary services in Northern New Brunswick for many years;

-**And whereas** inadequate food animal veterinary services is now being experienced province wide;  
And whereas the New Brunswick Department of Post-Secondary Education Training and labour (PETL) provides approximately \$5,000,000 per year to train Veterinarians at Atlantic Veterinary College (AVC);

-**And whereas** the majority of veterinarians graduating from AVC are not willing or interested in serving in a food animal veterinary practice;

**Therefore be it resolved** that AANB contact PETL and insist that the selection criteria for acceptance of students into AVC give preference to students willing to service the food animal industry in New Brunswick.

**Be it further resolved** that the AANB, with Government and industry stakeholders, set up a committee to examine the issue of shortage of vets in the province and to deal with those concerns.

### Region 5



# BEE ACT & GENERAL REGULATION

The New Brunswick Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries would like to notify you that as of March 1st, 2023 the new Bee Act and General Regulation have come into effect. The Bee Act replaces the Apiary Inspection Act and includes new requirements to further protect the honey bee against pests and diseases.

This new legislation includes requirements for registering to keep honey bees and used beekeeping equipment, identification of hives, import and transport permits, transit permits and new reportable pests and diseases. The Act addresses increased use of bees for pollination services, the annual importation of bees for pollination and the increased threat of importation of pests and diseases that could seriously impact the provincial beekeeping industry.

All owners of colonies of bees are required to register annually from May 15 to June 29. Any additional colonies acquired must be registered within ten days of acquisition. The Certificate of Registration to Keep Bees expires on June 30 the next calendar year and registration is free.

The Bee Act and General Regulation can be accessed online at: <https://laws.gnb.ca/en/ShowPdf/cs/2021-c.30.pdf> and <https://laws.gnb.ca/en/ShowPdf/cr/2023-13.pdf>

For further information, please see the Frequently Asked Questions documents online at: <https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/10/agriculture/content/bees.html>

If you have questions following your review of the Bee Act, General Regulation and the FAQs, please contact Chris Maund, Provincial Apiarist at [chris.maund@gnb.ca](mailto:chris.maund@gnb.ca)



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# NB SOIL & CROP

New Brunswick Soil and Crop Improvement Association is now accepting application for the On-Farm Climate Action Fund for the 2023-2024 crop year. The objective of the On-Farm Climate Action Fund is to support farmers in adopting beneficial management practices that store carbon and reduce greenhouse gases, specifically in the areas of:

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

First time applicants can register for the program at <https://www.nbscia.ca/ofcaf-program-registration/> Farmers who have participated previously can request 2023-application documents by emailing [ofcaf.facf@nbscia.ca](mailto:ofcaf.facf@nbscia.ca) For additional Information Contact a regional NBSCIA Coordinator.

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## Farmers Helping Farmers



## 5 FEEDS'N NEEDS LOCATIONS IN NEW BRUNSWICK!

*Come visit us in...*

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1916 Mountain Rd. E1G 1A9  
506-382-1190

**Sussex**  
170 Stewart Ave. E4E 2G2  
506-432-4200

**Saint John**  
354 Rothesay Ave. E2J 2C4  
506-633-7272

**Fredericton**  
50 Saunders St. E3B 1N1  
506-455-3461

**Woodstock**  
395 Connell St. E7M 5G5  
506-324-9103

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NEEDS**

## CANADA'S FARMLAND VALUES CONTINUED TO CLIMB IN 2022, FCC REPORTS

The average value of Canadian farmland increased by 12.8 per cent in 2022, amid strong farm income, elevated input prices and rising interest rates. The demand for farmland remained robust and the supply of farmland available for sale continues to be limited, according to the latest FCC Farmland Values Report.

Farmland values saw the highest increase since 2014 and follow gains of 8.3 per cent in 2021 and 5.4 per cent in 2020.

In New Brunswick, average farmland values increased by 17.1 per cent in 2022, following gains of 5.2 per cent in 2021 and 1.3 per cent in 2020.



Challenging economic conditions could have been expected to slow the demand for farmland and the resulting price buyers paid for land in 2022. But the underlying fundamental factors in the farmland market tell another story.

FCC estimates that receipts of grains, oilseeds and pulses in Canada have increased 18.3 per cent in 2022, and are projected to grow 9.4 per cent in 2023.

Higher farm revenues are driving the demand for farmland, but higher borrowing costs and increased input prices are expected to lead to declines in the number of sales in 2023.

The highest average provincial increases in farmland values were observed in Ontario, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick, with increases of 19.4, 18.7 and 17.1 per cent, respectively. Saskatchewan followed with a 14.2 per cent increase. Five provinces had average increases below the national average at 11.6 per cent in Nova Scotia, 11.2 per cent in Manitoba, 11 per cent in Quebec and 10 per cent in Alberta.

British Columbia is the only province to have recorded a single-digit increase at eight per cent, but it is also a market where land values are the highest on average.

It's good practice to have and maintain a risk management plan that takes into account possible economic changes. When producers ensure their budgets have room to flex if commodity prices, yields or interest rates shift, they're better off in the long run. FCC also suggests producers to exercise caution, especially in regions where the growth rate of farmland values exceeded that of farm income in recent years, which was the case in most provinces.

Higher farmland values pose a challenge for young producers, new entrants and other operations that are looking to expand.

Land is more expensive now relative to income than it's ever been. The ability to service debt and overall equity in the operation are critical factors of success going forward. The good news is that farmland value increases reflect a positive outlook for the demand of agriculture commodities and the quality food we produce in Canada.

Producers have a long track record of making strategic investments in land, even before agriculture and food was identified as one of six sectors with the highest potential for growth by the Advisory Council on Economic Growth in 2016. These long-term investments in food production have spurred growth and create a bright future for Canada's agriculture and food industry.

By sharing agriculture economic knowledge and forecasts, FCC provides solid insights and expertise to help those in the business of agriculture achieve their goals. For more information and insights, visit [fcc.ca/Economics](https://fcc.ca/Economics).

FCC is Canada's leading agriculture and food lender, with a healthy loan portfolio of more than \$47 billion. Our employees are dedicated to the future of Canadian agriculture and food. We provide flexible financing, AgExpert management software, information and knowledge specifically designed for the agriculture and food industry. As a Crown corporation, we provide an appropriate return to our shareholder, and reinvest our profits back into the industry and communities we serve. For more information, visit [fcc.ca](https://fcc.ca).

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





# PIGTRACE MANDATORY IN CANADA

A reminder to all Feed Stores, livestock dealers and farmers 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 anyone including a Feed Store, 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 Feed Store, livestock dealer or farmer 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**.

## OPEN FARM DAY 2023

Open Farm Day Registration is soon going to be open.

Visit [www.fermenbfarm.ca/events/open-farm-day/](http://www.fermenbfarm.ca/events/open-farm-day/) for updates and information about the event.

Join us for Open Farm Day on Sunday, September 17th, 2023!

## 2023-2024 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS



# 2023-2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## REGION 1

- Joël Lamarche - President
- Vacant Position

## REGION 2

- Alarie LeBreton - Director
- Joan Duivenvoorden - Treasurer

## REGION 3

- Jean-François Michaud - Director
- Christian Michaud - 2nd Vice
- Tamara Sealy - 1st Vice

## REGION 4

- Greg Reicker - Director
- Coralee Wesseliuss - Director

## REGION 5

- Michael Goodine - Director
- David Walker - Secretary

## REGION 6

- Zakary Hargrove - Director
- Trevor Welch - Director

## AANB STAFF



**CEO - ANNA BELLIVEAU**

**OFFICE MANAGER - NICOLE ARSENEAU**

**OFFICE ASSISTANT - PAMELA WALTON**

**COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER - DYLAN LEBLANC**

**EFP FACILITATOR - JOHN RUSSELL**

**EFP COORDINATOR - LIKHITA POTLURI**

**AG IN THE CLASSROOM MANAGER - CHARLOTTE FLORES**

**AG IN THE CLASSROOM COORDINATOR - MICHELLE LANDRY**

**SHARED WORKFORCE COORDINATOR - JIMMY ALAM**

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