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## OPEN FARM DAY UPDATE

The 24th Annual Atlantic Open Farm Day in New Brunswick was a huge success! With 18 participating farms across the province, the day was filled with fun and learning. A big thank you to all of our amazing participants—this event wouldn't be possible without you. We look forward to welcoming you again next year for our 25th anniversary!

If you attended the event, please take a moment to fill out the visitor survey below. Your feedback will help us improve and make future events even better.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From Joël Lamarche

We're well into the growing season and while some harvests have already been completed, others are just beginning.

This summer, much of the province faced hot, dry conditions, with the exception of the north-west where normal rainfall was recorded. While we work in harmony with nature, which is not always inclined to cooperate, these conditions have put a strain on farmers in other regions, affecting the quality of their crops.

In this election year, it's crucial that we make our voices heard by exercising our right to vote. Let's not forget that future decisions will be made by the elected representatives we choose.

For our part, we continue our commitment to the agricultural industry to ensure its continued sustainable growth.

I wish us all abundant harvests and an excellent end to 2024. I look forward to seeing you at the Annual General Meeting in January 2025.



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AANB CEO

## **MESSAGE FROM THE CEO**

From Anna Belliveau

Fall is just around the corner and harvest time is upon us, I hope your crops and livestock have fared well during this season.

The AANB continue to deliver programs which include Environmental Farm Plan, Species at Risk Partnership on Agricultural Lands, Agriculture in the Classroom, Workforce Development, Shared Workforce, Mental Health and Farm Safety (with Agriculture NB), 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 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 on various steering committees and when there are matters that affect all farmers and our values align.

In the fall, we will be launching a brand-new website, which will be more user-friendly and phone friendly as well. We will also be working on a Sustainable Agriculture Growth Strategy, and a Digital Ag Strategy.

At the beginning of October, you will receive a registration link for our Regional meetings happening at the end of October/beginning of November. Our regional meetings will be in person, unless there are 5 people or less who have registered for a particular region, in which case it will be virtual. This is your chance to bring forth resolutions which would be voted on at the AGM in January, and it is what we work on here at the office with the various departments involved for the upcoming year. We hope you will attend the meeting for your region. If you are not certain which region you are in, please call the office at 506-452-8101.

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

## **ISSUE UPDATE**

### 1) Non-Designated Roads Program

There is a set budget of \$100,000 through the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DTI) to maintain this program, so unfortunately there is always more demand than there is money to spend on all of the roads. Repairs will be started in the spring and will continue into the fall. Please note it is impossible to repair all the roads listed because of the low budget, but DTI tries to divide them evenly across the province. You must apply each year to have your non-designated roads included.

### 2) 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.

### 3) 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.

### 4) Sustainable Canadian Agriculture Partnership (SCAP)

SCAP is the federal/provincial/territorial framework that started on April 1, 2023. The five-year funding stream is open for applications. Please visit <a href="https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/10/agriculture.html">https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/10/agriculture.html</a> in order to see the various sources of funding and application forms.

### 5) 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. The Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries has set up a committee with representatives from DAAF, The Department of Natural Resources and Energy Development, the AANB, and NB Power in order to discuss these rate hearings. A survey was conducted in order for NB Power to get a better understanding on farmers' electricity use.

### 6) Wild Parsnip

Wild parsnip causes issues when it grows along roads with agricultural fields next to them, as the seeds will blow into the fields and cause issues. As a result of a Resolution voted on at the AGM, a working group with representatives from the AANB, DTI, and DAAF in order to find out where the wild parsnip is growing and the extent of it so that DTI can put extra budget into mowing for 2025. A survey was send to the members, and results were compiled and given to DTI.

### 7) Farm Waste

Due to farm waste being treated differently depending on the municipality, and certain areas that had farm waste and plastics picked up previously no longer are receiving this service, a working group was struck with representatives from the AANB, DAAF, and the Department of Environment and Local Government to look into the issue and try to find solutions.



## **ENVIRONMENTAL FARM PLAN - NATURE NB**

### Shining a Light on Light Pollution: Its Impact on Agricultural Lands

As the sun sets over New Brunswick and crops and fields are cloaked in darkness, an invisible issue is starting to cast a shadow over agricultural lands: light pollution. While many of us appreciate the beauty of a starlit sky, it's not just an aesthetic concern; it's a growing problem that has tangible effects on farming practices and the environment.

### What is Light Pollution?

Light pollution refers to the excessive or misdirected artificial light produced by street lamps, buildings, and other sources that interfere with the natural night environment. This issue is not just about bright lights disrupting our view of the stars; it's about the broader implications for agriculture, ecosystems and species at risk.

### The Impact on Agriculture

Disruption of Natural Cycles: Agricultural practices often depend on the natural rhythms of day and night. Light pollution can disrupt these cycles, affecting the behavior of nocturnal animals that play crucial roles in pest control and pollination. For example, certain insects that help with pollination or act as natural pest controllers are sensitive to light. Their activity patterns are altered by artificial illumination, which can lead to reduced crop yields.

Altered Plant Growth: Plants also rely on natural light cycles to regulate their growth and reproduction. Extended artificial light can confuse plants, potentially leading to issues with flowering times and fruit production. This disruption can impact crop yields and the timing of harvests.

Increased Energy Costs: Light pollution often stems from poorly designed lighting systems that not only waste energy but also contribute to higher operational costs. Farmers who need to use lights to compensate for disrupted natural patterns may face increased energy bills, adding financial strain to their operations.

### What Can Be Done?

Nature NB in partnership with the Agricultural Alliance and other partners have been actively working on solutions to mitigate light pollution on agricultural lands in New Brunswick. Addressing light pollution on agricultural lands requires a combination of awareness, action, and innovation:

**Implement Shielded Lighting:** Use outdoor lighting fixtures that are shielded and directed downwards to minimize light spill. This approach ensures that light is focused where it is needed and reduces its impact on surrounding areas.

Adopt Smart Lighting Solutions: Employ lighting systems with timers or dimmers that can be adjusted according to the time of night, minimizing unnecessary illumination and reducing overall light pollution.

Promote Awareness: Engage with local communities and policymakers to raise awareness about the impacts of light pollution on agriculture.

Advocacy can lead to better regulations and practices that support farmers and protect natural ecosystems.

### **Looking Ahead**

As we strive to enhance agricultural productivity and sustainability, addressing light pollution must be part of the conversation. By understanding its effects and taking proactive measures, we can work towards a future where our farming practices coexist harmoniously with the natural environment, preserving both our agricultural lands and our night skies.

To learn more about light pollution, we recommend you visit the international dark sky association's website at darksky.org.



## AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM NB

Summertime is an opportunity to talk to New Brunswickers across the province at fairs and exhibitions. This allows us to connect with teachers and showcase our programming, as well as engage students with fun and hands-on activities about agriculture. There is an ever-increasing demand for students to pursue a future in Agriculture, with 123,000 job openings in Canada by 2029, and increasing public awareness is important. Our goal is to gain community support for young people pursuing careers in agriculture and food production.

The summer season has included 7 fairs. AITC-NB was chosen as the charity of choice for the NBEX, provincial exposition. This partnership also included our first Kid's Day, an event that brought 98 preschoolers through the fair. Students had a barn tour, visited the petting zoo, watched the horses and a dog show, and learned about how plants grow by making a seed bracelet and seed necklace. The event was successful thanks to our volunteers.

In the coming weeks, AITC-NB will finish up the harvest celebrations for Spuds in the Tub, sponsored by Potatoes NB. The Great Canadian Farm Tour has added fall stops for 2024, with New Brunswick showcasing sea buckthorn. The tours are open for registration for classrooms, homeschools and daycares across the country. They will then be available on YouTube and through the AITC-C resource library.







## **NB LIVING LAB**

### Living Lab NB: A Summer of Showcasing Climate-Smart Agriculture

This summer, Living Lab New Brunswick has been busy attending field days across the province, highlighting their ongoing work in sustainable agriculture. Now in the second year of a project comparing conventional and advanced management practices, Living Lab NB continues to focus on key areas including tillage, 4R nutrient management, cover cropping, rotational grazing, and enhanced pollinator habitat.

With our own regional meetings in Tantramar, Sussex, Fredericton, and Florenceville, partners had the opportunity to tour various Living Lab sites. These events showcased the results and provided an in-depth look at how different management practices impact yield, cost of production, and carbon sequestration, while helping reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Living Lab NB's commitment to delivering "brass tax" numbers is essential, as they work to prove the benefits of climate-smart agricultural practices in real-world terms.

Follow us at <a href="www.lvnbll.ca">www.lvnbll.ca</a> or on social media (fb, Instagram, x, LinkedIn) for more information and upcoming events, as Living Lab NB continues to drive innovation and demonstrate the potential for long-term sustainability in the Maritimes!









### WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



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### **Workforce Development**

It has been a busy summer as I expect it has been for you in which we hope your growing and harvest season has been exceptional. We continue to expand our network of organizations we work with to increase awareness of opportunities in the agriculture labour market in New Brunswick.

We have also created a network of academic institutions including K to 12 and post secondary organizations as we explore opportunities such as experiential learning where students are provided with the opportunity to learn and explore the many career opportunities that agriculture has to offer. With the transformational change in skills that are required on farm operations today, we are also aware of the need to offer upskilling. To date there has been engagement with CCNB, NBCC, UNB and UofM as well at the Centres of Excellence in the K to 12 education system. Over the coming months we will be providing updates and engagement with industry as this work progresses.

In July, Living Labs and Workforce Development facilitated finalizing the "The Future of Digital Agriculture in New Brunswick – Challenges and Opportunities". The report provides a very good overview of the current state and contains several recommendations including advancing the development of a strategy. The strategy will serve as a blueprint with actions to ensure that the New Brunswick industry is well positioned to take advantage of the opportunities offered by the application of digital technologies. To access the report, click here.

We continue to encourage all agri-food businesses to use the Agri-Food Job Bank to advertise your vacancies. To access the site, <a href="click here">click here</a>. We continue to promote this site with job seekers when attending job and career fairs. Job seekers who register have the opportunity to receive jobs when they are posted. Our list of job seekers continues to grow so a great opportunity to tap into resources that advertising may not reach.

Please get in touch with us with any questions or support we may be able to provide in addressing your labour requirements at:

Kim Lipsett – Workforce Development Coordinator <u>agrinb@fermenbfarm.ca</u> 506-461-5418

Katya Naiman — Shared Workforce Relationship Coordinator <u>rcagrinb@fermenbfarm.ca</u> 506-261-8230

### **Seasonal Workforce Program**

The Seasonal Workforce Program was expanded this year throughout the province. The program matches agri-food business operators with workers to address workforce requirements throughout the production cycle. We have recruited over 400 interested job seekers. From January to the end of July approximately 90 job seekers were deployed to various jobs. During the fall harvest season, based on requests from farm operations to date, we are anticipating that another 150 workers will be providing support throughout the harvest. Should you be interested in learning more about the program, please contact Katya Naiman, Shared Workforce Relationship Coordinator.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend our appreciation to the work that Jimmy Alam has done to establish the Shared Workforce Program. Jimmy has accepted a new position within the agriculture industry and we wish him all the best in the next chapter of his career. His commitment and vision for the shared workforce program has created many opportunities for new immigrants to Canada and has addressed labour gaps at farm operations. This program is offering the support required to address seasonal needs of industry and has also provided a pathway for new entrants to consider agriculture as a career. Well done Jimmy!





## FARM, TALK, CARE

As we enter the second year of our program we are focused on the development of our Farmer Wellness & Peer Support programs, initiatives dedicated to supporting the mental health and overall well-being of our farming community.

As we know, the demands and pressures of agricultural work can take a significant toll on mental health, often exacerbated by isolation, financial stress, and the unpredictable nature of the industry. Recognizing these challenges, the Farmer Wellness Program aims to provide much-needed support through a dedicated network of mental health professionals who truly understand the agricultural landscape.

### Recruiting Mental Health Counsellors with Agricultural Lived Experience

To ensure that our program is as effective and supportive as possible, we are seeking experienced mental health counsellors or psychologists, who also have a background in agriculture. Your insights and lived experiences can help us develop a program that truly resonates with and supports our New Brunswick farming community.

### How You Can Contribute

**Program Development**: Assist in shaping the program's structure and content to ensure it meets the unique needs of

**Counselling Services**: Provide direct counselling services to farmers, leveraging your understanding of agricultural life

Workshops and Training: Help design and lead workshops focused on mental health and well-being tailored for the farming community.

### Interested in Getting Involved?

If you are a mental health professional with agricultural experience or know someone who would be a great fit for our program, we would love to hear from you! Your expertise and personal understanding of the farming world could make a significant difference in someone's life. Please contact us at <a href="mailto:talkparle@fermenbfarm.ca">talkparle@fermenbfarm.ca</a> to discuss how you can play a role in shaping this initiative

Visit <a href="www.farmtalkcare.ca">www.farmtalkcare.ca</a> or follow us on social media at TalkParleNB for the latest news and updates on upcoming courses, and access resources and information on caring for yourself, your family, your workers on the farm, and anyone in the farming community.

Keep on farming. Talk it out. Seek care.



## **AANB REGIONAL MEETINGS**

We invite you to attend the nearest regional meeting of the Agricultural Alliance of New Brunswick. To ensure proper planning, we kindly request all producers to register beforehand using the link that will be sent out in October. The meeting will be held in person unless the registration count falls below 5, in which case it will be conducted via Zoom.

Region 1 (Grand Falls): October 29th, 1:00 - 1:30 (Socialize), 1:30 - 3:00 (Meeting)
Region 2 (Bathurst): October 30th, 1:00 - 1:30 (Socialize), 1:30 - 3:00 (Meeting)
Region 3 (Moncton): October 30th, 6:30 - 7:00 (Socialize), 7:00 - 8:30 (Meeting)
Region 4 (Sussex): November 5th, 1:00 - 1:30 (Socialize), 1:30 - 3:00 (Meeting)
Region 5 (Fredericton): November 5th, 6:30 - 7:00 (Socialize), 7:00 - 8:30 (Meeting)
Region 6 (Wicklow): October .29th, 6:30 - 7:00 (Socialize), 7:00 - 8:30 (Meeting)

If you are not sure which region you are in, please call the office at (506) 452-8101.

# UNWANTED PESTICIDES & OLD LIVESTOCK/EQUINE MEDICATIONS COLLECTION

New Brunswick - October 28th to November 8th

For more information visit the Clean Farms website: https://cleanfarms.ca/materials/unwanted-pesticides-animal-meds/

### **SAVOUR NB**



# FARM CREDIT CANADA



### 5 ways to deal with the invisible workload on the farm

Remembering the grocery list, coordinating the babysitter, and booking the doctor's appointment aren't typical farm chores, but every farm family needs somebody to take on these and many more day-to-day duties.

These tasks are examples of invisible work, a term created by sociologist Arlene Kaplan Daniels to define unpaid and often unacknowledged labour in home management. These responsibilities include cooking, cleaning, caregiving, and the mental load of planning and organizing daily life.

Women historically handle the bulk of this work, and it often falls on their shoulders, sometimes due to gender-based expectations. Mothers, including those on the farm, spend significant time and energy thinking about their family's needs and doing the physical labour involved in childcare. Add on- and off-farm jobs to invisible work, and the general inequality can lead to feeling overwhelmed and burnt out.

"Invisible work can add to the physical and mental stress of individuals," says Bethany Parkinson, manager of psychological support and education for <u>Agriculture</u> <u>Wellness Ontario</u> at the Canadian Mental Health Association. "And in agriculture, every farm family already has more stressful times, like planting and harvesting, and stressors that come up, such as an issue with animal health."

To address invisible work and create a balance between wellness, family demands and farm business needs, consider these five tips:

### 1. Establish healthy routines

Basic self-care, such as eating well, getting enough sleep, and maintaining personal hygiene, improves mental health and well-being. No matter what type of workload you experience, Parkinson explains that consciously making wellness a priority and sticking to a routine is key to staying healthy.

"As humans, we rely on a daily schedule or routine to keep us well," she says. "Children thrive off of routine, so when they see their parents modelling this behaviour, it can help their mental wellbeing too."

#### 2. Communicate openly

For <u>Lesley Kelly</u>, who farms with her brother and husband in Saskatchewan, regular communication is vital to addressing visible and invisible work and sharing the workload.

As a result of good communication, Kelly and her husband, Matt, have developed a year-round routine that aims to balance farm work, off-farm work and their family.

Kelly is responsible for managing the farm's financial records, marketing and human resources, which she can do remotely using her phone and laptop. This flexibility allows her to travel across North America for speaking engagements in the winter months. At the same time, Matt carries most of the invisible workload associated with their home and raising their two sons.

"And then, during busy times on the farm, we switch," she explains. "I turn off my speaking calendar to be there and take the lead at home, with his support."

The farm partners find it beneficial to use the social media messaging platform WhatsApp to communicate throughout the day and book a weekly meeting to review priority jobs and make plans.

### 3. Use organizational tools

"One of the things that helps me stay sane with the mental workload is using Trello," says Kelly, explaining that the digital tool is like a virtual whiteboard with lists of sticky notes that others can access.

She uses Trello for everything on the farm, extracurricular sports schedules for her sons, and even their favourite field meals.

"I list all of the recipes we like and the ingredients, so when it comes time to make field meals, I don't even have to think about it," Kelly says.

When she knows her sports mom's schedule won't allow her to deliver as many meals, as usual, to farm crews during busy times of the year, she uses her list to make individual freezer meals ahead of time and purchases portable food warmers for the farm team.

### 4. Connect with peers

Building a support network can help you manage invisible work, but sometimes, it takes reaching out to start the conversation.

"Connection is so much greater and more impactful than comparison," Parkinson says. "If you notice that the neighbour's farm, play hockey and do 4-H, reach out to the mom for tips on how they do it instead of thinking about how you should be doing what they're doing but don't have the time."

Kelly made valuable connections through a formal peer group. While the group focuses on business planning and other farm management topics, it also discusses mental health and family and shares its members' experiences to help each other.

#### 5. Ask for help

Admitting you need help can be difficult, but there is no shame in reaching out to your network for support or hiring help for tasks such as cleaning or childcare.

If the workload is overwhelming, access these mental health resources or visit Do More Agriculture, an initiative Kelly co-founded in 2017.

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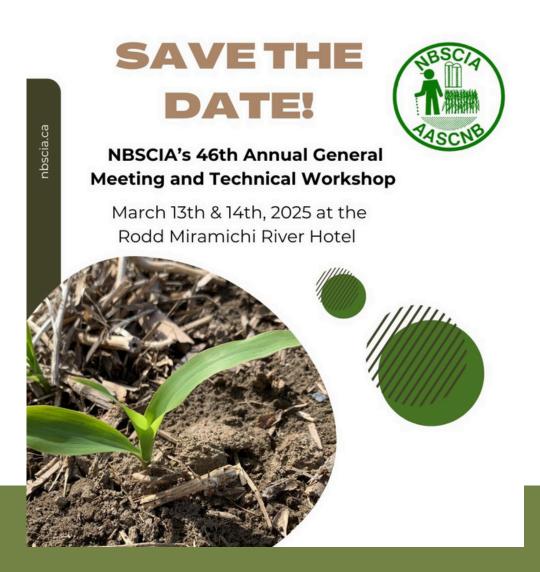
# EDUCATION COURSE AND CONFERENCE BURSARY

Through the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada On-Farm Climate Action Fund (OFCAF) agrologists, certified crop advisors and farmers (with a Registered Professional Agricultural Producers number) residing in New Brunswick are eligible to receive 70% up to \$5,000 of eligible expenses for the purpose of attending an educational conference or course outside of New Brunswick. Education bursary funds are included in the maximum eligible OFCAF funding for a farmer recipient.

To be eligible to receive this funding, a significant portion of the conference or course agenda must be in alignment with one or more of the three OFCAF program elements, namely Improved Nitrogen Management, Cover Cropping or Rotational Grazing.

There is a limited amount of funding, and applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis. Eligible applicants must be professional agrologists or certified crop advisors practicing in New Brunswick or Registered Professional Agricultural Producers farming in New Brunswick. Successful applicants will be required to participate in one knowledge transfer activity (KTT), sharing what they have learned with producers at an event sponsored by NBSCIA.Education Course and Conference Bursary application available here: <a href="https://www.nbscia.ca/ofcaf-program-registration/">https://www.nbscia.ca/ofcaf-program-registration/</a>

If you have any questions, please contact NBSCIA OFCAF Program Administrator by email <a href="mailto:ofcaf.facf@nbscia.ca">ofcaf.facf@nbscia.ca</a> or phone 506-392-0408





## RURAL ROAD ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Find the 2024 Rural Roads Enhancement Program Survey below. Please fill it out and submit to <u>alliance@fermenbfarm.ca</u> no later then October 1st, 2024.

https://fermenbfarm.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Rural-Road-Enhancement-Program-for-2024-program-year-E.pdf

## **NUISANCE DEER PROGRAM**

The Nuisance Deer Management Assistance Program (NDMAP) will allow Registered Professional Agricultural Producers (RPAP) who have experienced economic loss due to deer damage to receive special permits authorizing hunters to harvest ONE antlerless deer.

The permits are issued to hunters who are chosen by the producer to harvest deer on their property.

Find the 2024 Fact Sheet below.

https://fermenbfarm.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/nuisance-deer-management-assistance-program.pdf

## SAFETY BOOTS REQUEST FOR HIGH SCHOOLS

See below for a message from AANB Program Manager, April Thorne.

Hi Folks, I'm trying to help Leo Hayes High School by collecting certified safety boots for their trades classes. High Schools were just advised last week that if they offer classes within the trades, all trades students will now be required to wear certified safety boots to class. This requirement could be a potential barrier to some students and prevent them from exploring a potential career in the trade industry. Therefore, LHHS instructors have put out a call requesting donations of new or used safety boots – as long as they are certified. This way they can provide the boots to students while in class, creating no barriers. Since my son Owen was very much into the trades, being a self-taught mechanic, welder and metal fabricator who planned on getting his certifications after high school and planning on a career in trades, I'm hoping I can help his classmates in his honour. If anyone has an old pair of steel toe boots they no longer need, please contact me at <a href="mailto:programs@fermenbfarm.ca">programs@fermenbfarm.ca</a> or drop off at the AANB office and I'll get them to the schools where they will be put to good use. Once LHHS reaches their goal, I will donate to other NB schools who are also in need. Thanks!

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## TRACEABILITY PROGRAM FOR PIG TRACE



All pig owners are required to enroll in the PigTrace Program to support animal health and food safety. A reminder to all Feed stores, livestock dealers and farmers in NB and PEI that the Traceability program for PigTrace has been mandatory since July 1, 2014. The program is enforced by CFIA. Every person involved in the movement of all pigs is responsible to report movement in PigTrace, this is the law in Canada.

Feed stores, livestock dealers or farmers purchasing weaner pigs from a hog producer to resell to backyard producers, must abide by PigTrace regulations. All pig owners are to be enrolled in Pig Trace; movement is to be recorded in their PigTrace account. This requires a Livestock PID # and a PigTrace account set up (these are provided free of charge).

Set up prior to purchasing the weaner pigs to ensure movements are recorded. Each individual purchasing weaner pigs (backyard producer)

NB- contact NBDAAF @506-432-2150

Visit <a href="https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/10/pdf/Agriculture/Livestock-Betail/traceability-program-for-pigTRACE.pdf">https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/10/pdf/Agriculture/Livestock-Betail/traceability-program-for-pigTRACE.pdf</a> to find more information

Please help us spread the word to educate anyone! If you have any questions, contact NB Pork at 506-458-8051, 226-228-8655 or PigTrace at 1-866-300-1825. Thanks so much for doing PigTrace a regulation that has been in place since 2014!

## **NB CRANBERRIES**

This year's crops are looking promising for Cranberry Growers across New Brunswick. August 27, we hosted our AGM in Moncton. There is a positive vibe in the industry as we welcome new growers to the Agency. Engagement is building with the update of our website and welcoming on Board Denise Cassidy as Executive Director as of July.



## **NB YOUNG FARMERS**

New Brunswick Young Farmers hosted our first 2024 Summer Social on July 12th in Memramcook. The Summer Social started with Willie A. LeBlanc and Sons for a tour of their dairy farm. The second stop on the tour was with Belliveau Orchard walking the orchard and brewing room of Scow Cidery. The evening featured live music from Sam Sharp, catered dinner was Sizzlers Food Truck and drinks on tap at the outdoor space at Scow Cidery. We had a great turn out from NBYFF – Thanks to our Sponsors – Smart Energy, East Gen and Dairy Farmers of NB! See you at the next Social at the Farm Mech Show – Moncton, NB in November!



## APPLE GROWERS OF NB

Apple Growers of NB hosted over 70 members, industry people and government staff at their Summer Tour held in the Moncton/Memramcook Region August 14, 2024. Irishview Orchards, La Fleur du Pommier and Belliveau Orchards were visited; highlighting new technology, trimming techniques, various varieties and challenges of establishing a new orchard. Highlight of the day included the engagement of growers at each stop; the amazing lunch and autonomous tractor. Thank you to our tour orchards and Sponsors for the day. For more updates follow us on Instagram @nbapplesnb and visit your local orchard this fall – most Apple Orchards are accessible to all.



## ATLANTIC FARM MECH SHOW





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