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What does APF mean for Programs and Risk Management?

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The Programs and Risk Management Division is responsible for the delivery of public investment programs that enhance the sustainability of the agricultural industry in Nova Scotia. Our current development programs include the Farm Investment Fund, Agrifood Industry Development, Technology Development and Agricultural Water Resource Development (AWARD). Business Risk Management programs are also part of our mandate. These include the Net Income Stabilization Account (NISA) and the Canadian Farm Income Program (CFIP).

Canada's new Agricultural Policy Framework (APF) will bring some changes to our division. Firstly, under the Business Risk Management pillar, NISA and CFIP will be modified to become one program aimed at more effective income stabilization and disaster compensation. Our staff will help producers through these changes, ensuring that everyone has the information they need to benefit from the new program.

Our development programs will remain in place and expand to include initiatives that reflect the goals of the APF. Elements of Environment, Food Safety and Security, Science and Innovation, and Renewal (four of the APF's five pillars) will be evident in future programming.

Development programs will proceed as usual this coming year. The Farm Investment Fund and the Agrifood Industry Development Fund are expected to open in late April/early May. Farmers will be notified of the available programs, deadlines and

application procedures through a spring mailing. Survey results from last years' programs will be mailed out to respondents who provided their contact information. The results will also be available on our department website (www.gov.ns.ca/nsaf/prm) and upon request from our office.

This year is the 2002 program year for the Business Risk Management programs. This means that Canadian Farm Income Program (CFIP) and Net Income Stabilization Account (NISA) applications are now available and these programs will remain open until their usual deadlines. This Spring when you are doing your taxes, or anytime before December 31, 2003, you can still apply for NISA 2002. If you experienced a severe loss of income in 2002, the Canadian Farm Income Program is open until October 1, 2003.

Please call our office 1-902-893-6510 if you have questions or concerns about any of our programs.

Notice Regarding Refund Forms for Farm Business Registration

Refund forms for farm business registration are no longer available at NSDAF offices. You must request them from the NS Federation of Agriculture, (902) 893-2293.


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<http://www.gov.ns.ca/nsaf/rs/fs/arcs/>

Pyrifos® 15G Emergency Registration

An emergency registration for UAP Pyrifos® 15 G insecticide has been approved for the suppression of wireworm damage to potatoes in Nova Scotia. This emergency registration covers the period from April 1 to July 15, 2003. Growers who use this product should consult the Supplemental Label for Emergency Use when they purchase the product. Safety information as well as rates and method of application are provided on the label.



Early application can ease transition

This coming year is one of transition for the NISA program. Completing your 2002 NISA early will ease the process for participants as well as administration. The full entitlement deadline (allowing you to receive the maximum contributions) is June 15th for individuals and June 30th for corporations. Each month after this deadline, your deposit and matching contributions will decrease by 5 per cent. By delaying to complete your NISA until December 31st, you will have a lot of last minute paperwork for a significantly lower benefit. To avoid this, make NISA and farm taxes a one-step process. Since 1997, Revenue Canada has been circulating the "Farming Income and NISA: Joint Forms and Guide" This allows farmers to complete their Statement of Farming Activities and their NISA application at the same time. Filing for NISA with your taxes is great step toward speedy

program delivery. You will receive your Deposit Withdrawal Options Notice (DWON) faster, make deposits, obtain matching dollars and have access to withdrawal triggers sooner. If you are already paying an accountant to file farm taxes, have him/her use the NISA form to do so. It is available as part of the tax software that many accountants use. If you file your own taxes, use the "Farming Income and NISA: Joint Forms and Guide" Corporations use the publication "NISA: Corporations/Cooperatives Forms and Guide"

For forms and guides or more information, contact the Programs and Risk Management office at 1-902-893-6510 . You can also call NISA toll free at 1-800-665-6472 or visit the website at www.agr.gc.ca/nisa

National Safety Code Program

The following information pertains to regulations regarding the transportation of pesticides and fuels:

Dangerous goods agriculture 1500 kg farm vehicle exemption (pesticides)

Regulations do not apply to dangerous goods in a quantity less than or equal to 1500 kg gross mass if transported on a licensed farm vehicle, transported solely on land equal to 100 km in distance and are to be used for agricultural purposes. Dangerous goods do not include class 1, class 2.1, class 2.3, class 6.2 and class 7.

Transportation of Fuel

Permit number SH6216 (REN1) is for an equivalent level of safety for large means of containment 450 L and less than 5,000 L. Transporting dangerous goods in class 3 packing group III includes diesel fuel and home heating oil. Permit number SH6216 must be visible and legibly marked on containment with characters at least 25 mm in height.

Containment must be manufactured before January 1, 2003. Prior to January, 2005 containment must be inspected, tested, retested and marked in accordance with the applicable requirement for TC406 or TC306 tanks.

- a) the words "non-spec flammable liquid tank" and "not for dangerous good use" after Jan. 1, 2010.
- b) the date of the inspection or test done.
- c) the name of the registered facility.

A permit allows a two year extension to test the TC306's for tanks between 450 L to 5,000 L. If passed the permit is valid until 2010 at which point it needs to be replaced by a tank meeting the applicable standards.

For more information contact Camile Tromblay, 902-426-9133.



A Celebration of Food Production August 2004

AgriFest, a Maritime showcase of innovations in crop and food production, will be held in the Annapolis Valley August 12–15, 2004.

The festival will include:

- vegetable, field crop and berry plots;
- agri-business/food/informational exhibits;
- equipment demonstrations;
- weed identifying competitions;
- food and home gardener seminars;
- theme vegetable gardens;
- interactive displays for kids;
- family fun centre;
- a food and entertainment pavilion.

Information will be provided on:

- production methods;
- marketing and packaging;
- food safety and security;
- equipment;
- organics and nutraceuticals;
- uses for crops and food products

AgriFest is spearheaded by AgraPoint International Inc., an agricultural services and development company in Kentville and Truro. Work has begun to design a festival site on a 50+ acre plot of land in the Canning area.

For more information on the event, visit the website at <http://www.agrapoint.ca> or contact: Lynne Godlien, Communications
Co-ordinator
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Does Farming Have you Stressed?

A confidential, free service for farm families feeling the stress of financial difficulties, family conflicts, stress management and dispute resolution is available through the Farm Family Support Centre. Call 1-877-418-7555 to speak with a councillor who understands the challenges facing farm families.

The Farm Family Support Centre is a service provided by the NS Farm Health and Safety Committee and the NS Department of Agriculture and Fisheries under the direction of Mirkwood Mediation Services.



Youth Find Summer Jobs with 4-H

Each year the 4-H programs in Yarmouth, Kentville, Nappan, Truro, Antigonish and Mabou employ Summer Assistants. Students are involved in preparing judging clinics, organizing member tours, judging at Achievement Days, conducting livestock showmanship clinics, planning for Exhibitions and County Days in their area and coordinating the regional program.

This year's 4-H Summer Assistants begin work on April 28. Our summer staff are: Adam Scanlan, Cape Breton Region; Becky Bowron, Eastern Region; Mila MacLean, Provincial office in Truro; Julie MacDonald, Valley Region; Dianna Murphy, Western Region and Amanda Brown in Central Region.

Summer Employment Opportunities at Camp Rankin

Each year several senior 4-H members (16 or older by July) are hired to work as counselors at Camp Rankin, in Richmond County. The camps begin the last week in June and end the first week of August. Positions are still available for two male Camp Counselors and the Assistant Director. For information please contact the provincial 4-H office at (902) 893-6585.

Royal Bank to Host 4-H Interprovincial Exchange Program



Five Nova Scotia 4-H members will experience customs and lifestyles in other provinces as they travel on the 41st annual

Royal Bank of Canada 4-H Interprovincial Exchange on July 2, 2003. While on this two-week National 4-H Award Program, 4-H members also have the opportunity to exchange ideas and information on agriculture with other rural youth.

The Nova Scotia delegates winning this travel award were selected through an interview process based

on their 4-H and community involvement. The Atlantic 4-H delegates travelling to the various parts of Canada celebrate their achievement at a send off banquet hosted by the Royal Bank.

Nova Scotia 4-H members will host a reciprocal two-week exchange with their billets from Quebec, Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario and Saskatchewan in their home communities beginning August 6.

4-H Members Speak Up at Annual Weekend

Three hundred 4-H members will attend a 4-H Weekend at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College in Truro from May 9 - 10, 2003. This two-day event is a opportunity for the best 4-H regional public speakers and demonstrators to compete at a provincial level.

In addition to communication contests, 4-H members will also compete in woodsman and square dancing competitions.

On Saturday night, the event finale – “4-H Night in Nova Scotia” will be held at the Cobequid Educational Centre in Truro. Top overall winners present their winning speeches and demonstrations, entertainment, and square dancing. During this time, an awards presentation will be held to recognize the winners of the competitions as well as individuals who have won a National 4-H Travel Award. The public is welcome to attend the weekend's events and to experience this important aspect of the 4-H program.

4-H Members to Meet at Atlantic Eastern Breeders Incorporated Showcase

Seventy 4-H members from Atlantic Canada will be selected to participate in the annual Eastern Breeders 4-H Showcase June 22 - 24, 2003 at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College in Truro. The members will learn large animal management and show preparation practices from industry leaders.

Eastern Breeders Incorporated has sponsored the training event for the past 14 years. Along with financial assistance, it provides the Atlantic event with highly qualified staff to ensure 4-H members learn the most current techniques in clipping,

showing, and herd management. The intensive training they receive in proper animal management and preparation skills for showing cattle, 4-H beef and dairy members from Atlantic Canada become better contenders in the show ring and leaders in the agricultural industry.

4-H staff with the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and Fisheries help to organize the event on behalf of the Atlantic 4-H Committee. While at this event 4-H members will also tour the facilities at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College.

During the workshop experienced show people teach the finer points of show preparation to the participants. At 10:00 a.m. on June 24 at the MacMillan Show Centre on the Exhibition Grounds in Truro members will work on their own animals in preparation for the highlight of the seminar, the beef and dairy show. Awards will be presented to the winners in each class at that event. The public is welcome to attend the cattle show to see first hand the skills of these young leaders in agriculture.

Your Agricultural Resource Coordinators

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Update on Weldon Smith

Many people have been asking about Weldon since his heart attacks in September and January. I am happy to report that Weldon is recovering well. We wish Weldon a full and speedy recovery.

As in the past, if you require assistance, please call the Kentville office.

New Staff Welcome

Laura McDonald has been hired at the Kentville office as Special Projects Coordinator. Laura is currently completing a Masters of Ag. Science Degree at the NSAC. Laura has expertise in environmental issues and will be conducting research in the Valley area.

Julie MacDonald is the 2003 Valley Region 4-H Summer Assistant. She is a second year NSAC student from Antigonish. She will be working with the other 4-H staff, helping to develop and administer summer programs and will be at many 4-H events over the next few months.

Manure Management Plan now Required for New Livestock Operations in Kings County

Kings County has extensively reviewed its agriculture policies found in the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw (2000 and 2001). The review was conducted by a sub-committee that was composed of municipal councilors, farmers and members of the public. Through that review, a great deal of concern was expressed regarding the proper handling of manure. In addition, discussions were generated regarding the municipality's role in regulating what had traditionally been an area of provincial responsibility.

In the end, the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw were amended to require a Manure Management Plan before building permits could be issued for any new or expanded livestock barns. This requirement only recently came into effect on January 1, 2003.

When a producer now applies for a building permit for a new or expanded livestock barn, municipal staff will inform the applicant that a letter is required from the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries indicating that the Manure Management Plan for the expansion is adequate before a permit can be issued. This means that applicants will have to have manure storage facilities designed by a qualified engineer and/or contracts in place demonstrating where the manure is to be taken if it is being used away from the producers' land.

This requirement will not impact existing producers who are not expanding or building new barns. It also will not apply if a producer is only applying for a permit to build a manure storage facility where an existing livestock operation is otherwise staying the same.

For any questions regarding this new requirement please contact Kings County Planner, John Woodford at 690-6173.

Events

May 10, **Annapolis Co. Federation Livestock Sale**, Lawrencetown
24 & Exhibition Grounds. – Livestock selling begins at 1 p.m.
June 7

May 17 **Cattle Sale, South Shore Exhibition Grounds**. Sale starts at
12:30 p.m. Dean Manning is the auctioneer. All cattle must be
properly tagged with CCIA tags.



On February 22, 2003 the Lunenburg 4-H Winter Carnival was held at the West Northfield Elementary School. Winners selected at the carnival include:
Lunenburg County:
Host: David Rodgers,
Lapland 4-H Club
Hostess: Jenna Hirtle,
Branch La Have 4-H Club
Prince: Max Mertens,
Branch La Have 4-H Club
Princess: Aimee Cross,
Lapland 4-H Club

Upcoming South Shore Regional 4-H Events

April 26 South Shore Regional Rally
May 3 Annual Dine-A-Nite 4-H fundraiser event at the Bridgewater Legion
May 9 - 10 4-H Weekend in Truro
May 13 Lunenburg County Council Meeting
May 17 Lunenburg County 4-H Judging workshop
May 28 4-H judging for Jr/Sr members at the Bridgewater Exhibition grounds.

Valley Region

May 15: Livestock registration deadline. All livestock for the 4-H year must be registered by this time - NO exceptions!

Fluff 'n' Buff will take place in Lawrencetown from May 23 – 24. This workshop will focus on sheep, dairy and beef showmanship, conformation preparation and judging! Applications will be sent to all eligible members in late April.

County Judging Days:

May 27 - Hants County, Hants County Exhibition Grounds
May 28 - Lunenburg County, Bridgewater Exhibition Grounds
May 29 - Kings County, Bob Best farm & Waterville Firehall

Mark June 22 – 24 on your calendar for the EBI Showcase. The EBI program will feature advanced calf preparation, showmanship and education presentations. This event is being held at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College and the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Grounds in Truro. On Tuesday morning, 4-H members from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island will wrap up the event with a showmanship and conformation showcase

Federation Equipment for Rent

The Federations of Agriculture in Halifax East Hants and Stewiacke District have the following equipment available for use by producers in the area covered by their Federations. The equipment and costs are as follows:

Halifax East Hants	\$/Member	\$/Non Member	Contact
Lime Spreader	\$3/ton	\$3.50/ton	Alan Benjamin, 758-2427
Land Leveler	\$30/1/2 day	\$40/1/2 day	John VandeRiet 758-3874 or Mark Sutherland 384-2924
Cow Lift	\$10/1st day \$5/day afterward	\$15/1st day \$10/day afterward	Cory Fraser, 758-2262

Stewiacke District

Equipment	Costs
Land Leveler	\$60/day \$35/1/2 day
Cow Lifter	\$15 for 1st day & \$5/day thereafter
Hoof Trimmer	\$5/yard \$2/cow
Lime Spreader	\$2/ton

To book this equipment call John Crouse at 639-2889.

Wanted to Buy

A used silage dump wagon. Call Raymond Tobin in Cape Breton at 562-7355.

Plowing Match

Now is a good time to mark the date on your calendar for the Central Nova Plowing Match being planned by the Halifax/East Hants Federation of Agriculture. In addition to the plowing competition the organizing committee is also planning a number of demonstrations and displays on a host of soil and crop issues.

The program will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2003 at the Legge Farm in Elmsdale halfway between Middle Musquodoboit and Upper Musquodoboit.

FORKLIFT SAFETY TRAINING

On April 26, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. there will be a forklift safety training course at the Millville Community Hall. This session is being put on by Cape Breton Safety. The cost of this course is \$75 per person and includes a manual and safety certificate upon completion. To register for this course please call 563-2000. Note that the course may be cancelled if there is an insufficient number of registered candidates.

LIMESTONE

There is still some bulk agricultural lime available at Mosher's Limestone at Kelly's Cove, at the base of Kelly's Mountain. For more information contact Lloyd Fraser at 674-2813.

CALIBRATIONS

Gerard MacDonald, NSAF, will be in the Cape Breton area on April 29, 30 and May 1, 2003. Any farmers who are participating in the Environmental Farm Plan can have Gerard drop in to calibrate their manure spreader, fertilizer spreader and/or sprayer, at no charge. To get your name on the list for a visit from Gerard please call 563-2000 and ask for Gary.

4-H Information

JUDGING DAYS

Cape Breton Island 4-H'ers will be demonstrating their judging skills as they compete to represent their counties at the Provincial Show. Richmond, Inverness, Cape Breton and Victoria Counties will be competing on May 14, 15, 20 and 27, 2003 respectively.

COUNTY SHOW

Richmond County will be having their county 4-H Show on June 5-7, 2003 at Camp Rankin. The

Livestock County Show is set for August 6, 2003. These Shows will demonstrate the vast abilities of 4-H'ers in Richmond.

CAMP RANKIN

The famous Camp Rankin will once again be opening its doors to 4-H'ers on June 29, 2003. 4-H'ers from across the province attend the camp in Richmond County every summer. It is a truly amazing experience and one of the highlights of 4-H in Nova Scotia.

Information Resources

The Nova Scotia Farm Health and Safety Committee has produced a new publication entitled "Protect Yourself From Livestock Injuries." This booklet will provide you with safe animal handling information and practical techniques to reduce the number of animal-related accidents on your farm. It is suitable for: livestock owners, farm employees, family members, and visitors to your farm. To obtain a copy please contact the Weymouth office.

The Business Management and Economic Development Services Division of the Department offer an extensive Business Management and Economic Development Online Resource Library which can be accessed on the Departments web site at

<http://gov.ns.ca/nsaf/bmed/lib/>.

These resources are available on loan to residents of Nova Scotia (see the borrowing policy at

<http://gov.ns.ca/nsaf/bmed/lib/policy.htm>).

This is an excellent resource for any producer looking for new ideas to improve their operation.

Farm Safety

With spring's arrival, farm activity will increase once again. Have you assessed the status of your farm from the aspect of safety recently? Is it in compliance with the requirements of the Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations? Do you have current information on the Act and Regulations? It is important for the safety of you, your family and your employees that you answer YES to these questions. If you answered NO to any of these questions please contact the Weymouth office. There are a number of things we can do to help you:

- We have copies of the "Farm Safety Standards of Practice" manual and checklist as well as the Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations that we can send to you.
- If there is sufficient interest in an area we can arrange an Occupational Health & Safety training session in co-operation with the inspectors from the Department of Environment and Labour, and the Nova Scotia Farm Health and Safety Committee to familiarize you with the Act and Regulations, and various farm safety issues.

Remember safety is in your hands. Take steps to protect yourself, your family and your staff, and have a safe farming season.

Pesticide Certification/ Re-Certification

Pesticide Re-certification is a process designed for individuals who have a current license and would like to accumulate re-certification points toward their new license. Individuals completing five hours of pesticide safety course topics are issued certification points (one point for each hour of training). A maximum of five re-certification points per year can be accumulated through training courses. The entire process takes three to five years to complete and costs \$70 (includes HST). Please check the expiry date on your NSDOEL Pesticide Certification Card.

Pesticide Certification is designed for individuals who do not have a license, who's license has expired or is about to expire. This course covers a broad range of pesticide safety topics for land applicators and is designed to assist in preparation for writing the NSDOEL pesticide certification exam, as ongoing training, and as a refresher course on the basics of pesticide safety. Cost of this course is \$140 (includes HST and manual) and exam will be offered on the second day from 9 a.m. to noon.

Pro Agri Consulting Limited will be providing pesticide certification and re-certification training. Please contact Tracie Curry of ProAgri Consulting Ltd to discuss your pesticide safety needs (902) 798-2114 or NSDAF at 863-4705.



St. John Ambulance Canada First Aid on the Farm Emergency First Aid & CPR

Farming is one of Canada's most hazardous occupations. Dealing with heavy machinery, unpredictable animals, dangerous chemicals and farm activities increase the likelihood of injuries. St. John Ambulance will be teaching First Aid On the Farm and cover topics such as Farm Hazards, Shock, Burns

and Poisoning, Heart Attack and Stroke and many other topics.

Please contact our office at 863-4705 if you are interested in taking the course and we will add your name to the waiting list for the next available course. A minimum of 10 participants are required.

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Antigonish County Events:

April 29	Exhibition Committee Meeting	7 p.m.
May 6	4-H Weekend Meeting	7 p.m.
May 9 & 10	4-H Weekend, Truro	
May 13	Antigonish Council Meeting	7 p.m.
May 20	Antigonish & Guysborough Judging Day 4-H Barn, Exhibition Grounds	2:30 - 4:30 & 6 - 8 p.m.
May 27	C.A.C.L. Collection Night	
June 3	Antigonish Co. 4-H Executive Meeting	7 p.m.
June 17	Antigonish Co. Light Horse Achievement Day - NEW MEMBERS ONLY	
June 24	Antigonish Co. Dog Obedience Achievement Day	
June 27	Antigonish Co. Light Horse Achievement Day	
July 8	Council Meeting - Resolutions	7 p.m.
July 13-19	Camp Rankin - Eastern Jr. Camp	
July 27-Aug 2	Camp Rankin - Intermediate Camp	

Pictou County 4-H Events:

May 7	4-H Weekend Meeting	7 p.m.
	Pictou County Leaders Council Meeting, West Pictou School	8 p.m.
May 9-10	4-H Weekend, Truro	
May 29	Pictou County Homeschool Achievement Day	
June 2	Hopewell Achievement Day	
June 4	SBI 4-H Club Non-livestock Achievement Day	
June 5	Pictou County Council Executive meeting West Pictou	7 p.m.

4-H Information For Inverness County

Judging Days – The Livestock judging day is June 2, 2003. Beef, Poultry and Rabbit classes will be held at William Cox's from 4 – 5 p.m. Light Horse is to be hosted by Shannon Scott at 6:30 – 7 p.m. The dairy class will take place at Bev Austin's from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The make up day will be June 9, 2003 at the Mabou office 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Please call Ryan McCarron by May 30, 2003 if you wish to participate in the make up Judging Day.

Judging Clinics - An Inverness Rabbit Judging Clinic is tentatively scheduled for May 24, 2003 at 10 a.m. hosted by Christine Saunders. Inverness Dairy Clinics will be held May 24, June 20, July 18, and August 15, 2003. Details to be released as the season progresses.