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Programs and Business Risk Management Update

Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization Program (CAIS)

Three information sessions were held in July on the Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization Program (CAIS) and Net Income Stabilization Account (NISA) accounts. Agriculture and Agrifood Canada staff discussed program details including production margins, coverage levels, and deadlines. Staff also explained how the CAIS program would work with several payment examples. The sessions were very well attended.

Other sessions will be held across the province in late summer and early fall. The final deadline for 2002 CFIP applications is October 1, 2003. NISA applications, deposits and withdrawals will be accepted until December 31, 2003.

For more information please contact the NISA toll free line at 1-800-665-6472 or call Robin Bremner at the Programs and Business Risk Management office at 902-893-6374.

Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) Recovery Program

The Canada/Nova Scotia BSE Recovery Program has been expanded to include sheep, lambs, deer and bison. The program provides compensation for ruminant animals sold for slaughter. Payments will be made based on a market loss differential. This will be the difference between the weekly Canadian market price (cents/lb) and a reference price, derived from an adjusted US weekly market price. Cattle must be owned prior to May 20, 2003 and cattle must be slaughtered in Canada within 14 days of the sale

date. The duration of the program is limited, so please get your applications in early.

In order to qualify, candidates must present sales receipts. If slaughter animals are sold through a broker or at auction, an Appendix A or B form is required. This form must be signed by the purchaser, declaring that the animals will be slaughtered within 14 days. For more information please contact the Programs and Business Risk Management office at 902-893-6510.

New Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries



The Honourable Chris d'Entremont

*Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries
Minister of Acadian Affairs
Minister responsible for the Maritime
Provinces Harness Racing Commission Act
MLA for Argyle*

The department would like to welcome the Honourable Chris d'Entremont as new Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

The following is a brief biography of Minister d'Entremont:

Birth – Oct. 31, 1969 in Yarmouth.

Education – Graduated from Loyalist College of Applied Arts and Technology in Belleville, Ont.

Employment History – Worked as announcer at Radio CJLS. Employed as electronics salesperson for TriStar and for Camille d'Eon Boatbuilders. Presently employed as development officer for South West Shore Development Authority.

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... d'Entremont, continued

Political Career – First elected to Legislative Assembly in August 2003. Executive assistant to former Finance Minister Neil LeBlanc. Member of Argyle Municipal Planning Commission.

Community Involvement – Member West Pubnico Fire Department, secretary to the West Pubnico Fireman's Club, member Dewey's Charitable Association, Yarmouth County Crime Prevention Association, Festival Acadien de Ste.-Anne du Ruisseau, Rotary Club of Yarmouth, treasurer of South West Nova Scouting Council and treasurer and firefighter for Eel Brook and District Fire Department.

Family – Married to Anne Muise; two sons.

Sudden Oak Death (SOD) Discovered at a B.C. Nursery

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency is currently investigating a case of Sudden Oak Death (SOD) *Phytophthora ramorum* found in a rhododendron plant in a nursery in British Columbia.



Sudden Oak Death is a fungal disease that has not been identified previously in Canada. The disease affects plant species differently. Stems and leaves of susceptible fruit plants can be contaminated by the fungal infection without the fruit being affected.

SOD could affect a number of common plant species in Canada,

including rhododendrons, viburnum, and camellia - in addition, some species of oak, maple, and Douglas fir trees are also known to be at risk. In Nova Scotia *Vaccinium* species, such as blueberries and cranberries are of special concern as they could be a host plant for the disease.

Currently, the restrictions prohibit entry of plants and plant parts from oaks, tan oaks, rhododendrons, and huckleberry species in the Netherlands, Germany, and number of counties in California. For more information visit the CFIA Web site at: <http://www.inspection.gc.ca>

Wetlands Are Essential Lands, Not Wastelands



Don Cameron, NSDNR

Natural and artificial wetlands are used on many farms in Nova Scotia as a means of filtering different types of waste water. Many people believe that wetlands serve no purpose and that they are nothing more than smelly places that breed mosquitoes. However, wetlands play a critical role in keeping our environment healthy and working efficiently.

The following are a few reasons why wetlands are so important to the environment:

- Wetlands are essential for both water quality and quantity. They have an amazing ability to absorb environmental contaminants and pollutants while still allowing the water to seep through the water table. As a result, the groundwater is kept relatively clean and safe to drink. Because wetlands absorb contaminants, they make an ideal places to measure the amount of types of pollutants coming from the atmosphere. The contaminants found in a wetland will also be found in the surrounding

environment but they are not as easily measured.

- Wetlands also act like giant sponges, absorbing water and reducing the risk of flooding. All you have to do is set foot in one to see how damp they are.
- Wetlands are also good indicators of climate change. If a wetland starts drying up, it is a sign that there are significant and serious changes taking place in our environment. By monitoring and studying wetlands we get a greater understanding of environmental conditions.
- Wetlands have the ability to act as a buffer against acid rain, thereby reducing the serious effects acid rain has on lakes or ponds, and plant and animal life that depend on this water.
- Wetlands are home to a variety of plant and animal life. One study of a wetland revealed that more than 600 different species lived

there. These species ranged from plants, insects, mammals, amphibians, birds and reptiles.

Wetlands are an essential component to a healthy environment. Canada is blessed with an abundance of them. Approximately 25 per cent of the world's wetlands are located in Canada. Nova Scotia alone has approximately 33,000 individual wetlands.

Despite our rich wetland heritage, we continue to undervalue them. Wetlands are still being drained for various types of development. Roughly 70 per cent of southern Canada's freshwater wetlands have already been lost. Every time a wetland is lost the environment is irreversibly changed. Massive decomposition of the soil and sediment takes place; groundwater supplies are reduced; wildlife must find another wetland or die, and the risk of flooding increases significantly.

By better protecting and managing wetlands, our environment, all plant and animal life (including us) will benefit.



Lawrencetown Poised to Host 4-H Show For First Time

4-H families from across Nova Scotia are inviting the public to attend the 26th annual provincial 4-H Show in Lawrencetown from September 26-28.

For the first time, this show will be hosted at the Annapolis Valley Exhibition Grounds and it promises to be a crowd pleaser. Filled with friendly competition, the show is an opportunity for 4-H families and the public to come together and

celebrate the work that 4-H members have completed throughout the year. Admission is free.

The show has grown from humble beginnings to exhibiting over 40 different livestock and non-livestock projects such as dogs, rabbits, food, photography, sheep, computers, goats and crafts.

2003 marks the 90th anniversary of 4-H in Canada. Over the past nine decades, 4-H has enriched the lives of more than one million youth in both small and large communities. Through learning, fun and lasting friendships, today's 4-H members will become the agricultural, business, government and civic leaders of the future.

Annapolis County Hosts the RCMP Musical Ride

One of Canada's most respected performers, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) performed at the Annapolis Valley Exhibition Grounds on August 20, 2003.

The RCMP Musical Ride represents a colorful Canadian tradition. The troop of 32 horses and riders will perform a variety of cavalry drills choreographed to music. Working through a unique medium, they support the RCMP community policing efforts throughout Canada.

The musical ride was developed in 1876 by early members of the Northwest Mounted Police to display their riding ability and entertain the local community. It has since evolved into a uniquely Canadian performance enjoyed by many spectators every year.

The majority of the members of the musical ride are police officers with at least two years of active experience in police work. Surprisingly, most have no prior riding experience.

Proceeds from the event were donated to the Annapolis County 4-H program to assist in hosting the provincial 4-H Show in September.





Crop Insurance Application Deadlines

Blueberry – November 15	Strawberry – November 15
Forage Establishment – October 15	Tree Fruit – November 30
Forage Production – October 31	Tree Endorsement – November 30
Raspberry – October 31	Winter Grain – September 1

Being Informed Means Being Protected

Alexander Shalin, Pest Management Regulations
Coordinator, Resource Stewardship Division



West Nile Virus Control in Farming Areas

When controlling mosquitos in agricultural areas, the following issues should be considered:

The insecticides registered in Canada for adult mosquito control (organophosphate, pyrethroid, organochlorine, carbamate categories) are all toxic or highly toxic for honey bees and fish.

The timing of anti-mosquito treatment and bee activity on crops or other plants that are in bloom, may closely coincide.

The insecticide applications could be done with ground or aerial equipment. The latter is characterized by higher risk of drift and contamination of non-target areas.

A Class 8 Agricultural Certificate does not permit for the application of any commercial/restricted class pesticides for mosquito control. Therefore this activity is mostly out of the farmers' responsibilities. (A Class 4 permit is required for mosquito control).

When planning anti-mosquito pesticides application on your sites, please, remember: to avoid any harmful effect on honey bees, fish, other agricultural or natural non target species, inform your neighbors and other stakeholders in advance for the treatment timing and location, as well as for coordination of these activities.

For more information visit:
<http://gov.ns.ca/nsaf/news.htm>

Nova Scotia Grade 11 Agriculture Course to be Implemented Province Wide in September

The Nova Scotia Agricultural Awareness committee is pleased to announce that the Grade 11 Agriculture/Agri-Foods course will be fully implemented this fall. This will mean an expansion of the course presently being offered to include all boards in the province.

presentations. Through your support and cooperation we can help ensure accurate agricultural information is being presented to Nova Scotia students.



From September 23–25 there will be 24 teachers from across the province attending a three day implementation workshop in Truro at the Agricultural College. Teachers will receive science training on teaching agriculture in the classroom. All training will be linked to the curriculum and give teachers a good basic understanding of Nova Scotia's agricultural industry.

Producers are encouraged to support schools if teachers call asking for farm tours or classroom

The Nova Scotia Agricultural Awareness Committee is pleased to be hosting the 2nd annual Open Farm Day on October 5, 2003. This initiative is an Atlantic event where farmers across the region open their gates to the public.

This event is a great opportunity for producers to showcase their operations and raise public

OPEN FARM DAY

Sunday, October 5th, 2003

"Welcome to the Amazing World of Agriculture"

awareness for agriculture. Last year, more than 4500 people visited 54 farms across Nova Scotia and in the Atlantic region more than 12,000 people visited 135 farms.

For more information please contact Ruth Grant at (902) 893-6598 or email grantra@gov.ns.ca.

NSAC Continuing and Distance Education Program Schedule and Fees

Fall 2003

Landscape Plant Materials I

September 4 – December 4
Thursday (11 am – 2 pm)
Cost: \$400
Decision Deadline: August 22

Garden Design

September 5 – December 5
Friday (9 am – 5 pm)
Cost: \$400
Decision Deadline: August 22

Introduction to Landscape Horticulture

September 9 – December 2
Tuesday (9:30 am – 5 pm) excluding
November 11
Cost: \$400
Decision Deadline: August 29

Arboriculture

September 9 – December 2
Tuesday (9:30 am – 5 pm) excluding
November 11
Cost: \$700
Decision Deadline: August 29

Christmas Floral Design Workshop

September 26 – 28
Friday (7 – 9 pm); Saturday (9 am –
5 pm); Sunday (9 am – 4 pm)
Cost: \$360
Decision Deadline: September 5

Responsible Horse Owner I

October 1 – November 12
Wednesday (6:30 – 9 pm)
Cost: \$140
Decision Deadline: September 19

Stable Design and Construction: Management of Horses in the Stable and Pasture

October 4
Saturday (10 am – 3 pm)
Cost: \$60
Decision Deadline: September 19

Optimum Nutrition and Condition- ing for Performance Horses

November 1
Saturday (10 am – 3 pm)
Cost: \$60
Decision Deadline: October 17

Pesticide Management Update for Landscapers

November 6
Thursday (9 am – 3 pm)
Cost: \$70
Decision Deadline: October 24

Pesticide Management Update for Farmers

November 13
Thursday (9 am – 3 pm)
Cost: \$70
Decision Deadline: October 31

Pesticide Certification

November 17 – 20
Monday – Thursday
(8:30 am – 4:30 pm)
Cost: \$275
Decision Deadline: October 31

Introductory Welding

November 18 – December 4
Tuesday and Thursday (6:30 – 10 pm)
Cost: \$325
Decision Deadline: October 31

Nutrient Management Planning

November 24 – 27
Monday – Thursday (8 am – 5 pm)
Cost: \$200
Decision Deadline: November 7

This course is an initiative of the
Atlantic Agricultural Coordinating
Council.

Understanding Equine Behaviour for Positive Training, Development and Partnership

December 6
Saturday (10 am – 3 pm)
Cost: \$60
Decision Deadline: November 21

Note: A minimum number of
students is required for each course.
The “decision deadline” is the date
on which courses with insufficient
enrollment will be cancelled. If you
are interested in taking a course
please apply with payment as early
as possible.

For more information please contact

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Your Agricultural Resource Coordinators

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UPCOMING 4-H EVENTS - Eastern Region

ANTIGONISH COUNTY EVENTS:

The following events take place at the Exhibition Grounds, Antigonish

- August 23 Barn Work Day starting at 1 pm at the 4H Barn
- August 24 Any display painting and building completed 5 – 10 pm
- August 25 Non-livestock project arrival 6 – 9 pm
Tug-of-War weigh-ins 8 pm
- August 26 Perishable project arrival 8:30 – 9:30 am
Livestock arrival 6 – 9 pm
Set up of club displays 6 – 10 pm

Regional News ~

REPORT BY SPECIAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR, Kentville Office
Laura McDonald

I am currently completing a M.Sc. Ag. Degree at the NSAC. My research project is related to on-farm management of hog mortalities and the impacts on the environment. My interests and training are in waste management, water quality, and nutrient management.

In May 2003, I was hired to assist with environmental research activities and concerns in the Valley region. Current activities include addressing on-farm water management issues through various pilot projects identified by the Pereaux Watershed Water Management Club. Specific initiatives have included regular water sampling of on-farm water sources in an attempt to determine whether water sources meet the water quality guidelines for its anticipated use (ie. irrigation, cattle watering, drinking). It is anticipated that this project will help producers make more informed water resource decisions and determine the frequency at which samples should be taken in the future. Other initiatives have included evaluating tensiometers and soil moisture probes as well as demonstrating their value as an irrigation tool. A future initiative will be to investigate water meters as a possible tool to gauge water use, improve water use efficiency and conservation. Information collected from these projects will help with future efforts that focus on developing, implementing and assessing management practices that improve water quality and management strategies.

Other job activities include, assisting with on-farm greenhouse gas sampling projects, intensive water quality monitoring of on-farm irrigation ponds, water sampling and assessment of local watersheds as well as preparation of extension publications.

If you have any related questions or concerns, please contact me 679-6006 or by email: mcdonalm@gov.ns.ca.

Valley Region 4-H News

Achievement Days in Hants County and Kings County Joint Achievement Days are over. Thank you to all the clubs, leaders, members and parents that helped to make the summer programs such a success!

UPCOMING VALLEY 4-H EVENTS

August 22-24 – Valley Region Senior Camping trip to Dollar Lake

September 2 – Kings County Joint Achievement Days wrap up meeting and Council meeting, beginning at 7 pm at the Kentville Agriculture Centre

September 8 – Hants County Exhibition and Council meeting, beginning at 7 pm at Hants West Rural High school in Brooklyn

September 12-14 – 4-H programs at the Hants County Exhibition, Windsor

September 26-28 – Nova Scotia 4-H Provincial Show, Lawrencetown

South Shore Region 4-H News

Lunenburg County

- In early July, 4-H Clubs in Lunenburg County held their club achievement days and prepared for the county exhibition. The South Shore Exhibition was held July 21 -27 and 4-H members had a great time competing in their classes. Lunenburg County 4-H would like to extend their thanks for all the generous donations from various supporters.
- Lunenburg County junior 4-H members tour, will be taking place in August at Peggy's Cove. Members, aged 9 – 13 yrs old, will experience whale watching.
- The Lunenburg County Awards banquet is planned for August 23 at the New Germany Legion. Guest speaker for the night will be Jack Wentzell followed by 4-H award presentations.
- Lunenburg County Council meeting and a NS 4-H Show Planning meeting will be held September 9 at the Wileville Firehall.
- Sobey's Open Farm Day will be held in Lunenburg County October 5
- Lunenburg County Council meeting will take place October 7

Queens County

- Queens County Exhibition is September 16 – 20 at the Caledonia Fair Grounds.
- Sobey's Open Farm Day will be held in Queens County October 5
- Queens County Council meeting will be held October 21

Shelburne County

- Shelburne County Council Meeting will take place September 17 at the Lower Ohio Hall.
- Sobey's Open Farm Day will be held Shelburne County October 5
- Shelburne County Council Meeting will be held October 22

Exhibition and Fair Dates

The following are dates for exhibitions and fairs in the Western Region:

August 23 – Dalhousie Community Fair

August 30 – Western Kings Fair, Tremont

Sept. 12-14 and **19-21** – Hants Co. Exhibition, Windsor

Sept. 16-20 – Queens Co. Exhibition, Caledonia

Sept. 26-28 – NS 4-H Show, Lawrencetown

EVENTS

Sept.13, Oct. 4 – Anna. Co. Federation Livestock Sale, Exhibition Grounds, Lawrencetown.

Oct. 18, Nov. 1 – Livestock selling begins at 1 p.m.

The Nova Scotia
4-H Show will be held
in Lawrencetown
September 26-28
see 4-H News page for details

Canadian Agri-Food Awards of Excellence

Nominations are now being accepted for the Third Annual Canadian Agri-Food Awards of Excellence. These awards recognize outstanding achievements in five areas: environmental stewardship, innovation, export performance, volunteering, and agricultural awareness and education.

The deadline for applications is August 31, 2003. Awards will be presented at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair on November 10, 2003 in Toronto.

For more information or to obtain a nomination form visit www.agr.gc.ca or www.royalfair.org or call (519) 837-5867.



EBI - Atlantic 4-H Award Winners

Congratulations to the central area 4-H'ers, who were recipients of awards at this year's EBI Atlantic 4-H Showcase in Truro. Nicole and Nathan Greeno of Amherst were the Grand and Reserve Champions in the beef category while Austin Blair of Denmark received Most Sportsmanlike in the beef section. Chris MacKenzie from Upper Stewiacke was winner of the Most Sportsmanlike Award in the dairy division and last but certainly not least, Joseph Ballam from East Hants had the top Dairy Calf at the Showcase.

Exhibition and Fair Dates

The following are dates for exhibitions and fairs in the Central Region:

August 26 – 30

Cumberland County Exhibition,
Oxford

October 10 – 19

Maritime Fall Fair, Halifax

September 3 – 6

Pictou/North Colchester
Exhibition, Pictou

November 7 – 16

Royal Agricultural Winter Fair,
Toronto

September 26 – 28

Nova Scotia 4-H Show,
Lawrencetown

Winter Programs

If you have any suggestions for any courses, seminars or information sessions that you would like brought to the Cape Breton area this fall and winter please contact the Agriculture office at 902-563-2000.

Sign Up Nights

Exhibitions are a great way to promote 4-H programs. After witnessing some of these shows young people may want to join a 4-H team for the upcoming year. If you are interested in becoming a 4-H member or a leader feel free to call your regional 4-H specialist for specific sign up dates and times in your area. Contact information can be found on our provincial website at <http://gov.ns.ca/nsaf/4h/>

Potential Food Processing Facility – Keltic Drive

Co-op Atlantic has 2500 square feet of excess space in its frozen food distribution center on Keltic Drive. With the assistance of Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Nova Scotia Co-operative Council and the St. Francis Xavier University Extension Department have begun to explore the possibility of using this space to enhance the production capacity of producers in Cape Breton.

Preliminary meetings have been held with potential users and site visits have been arranged. Suggestions were made that the space be used as a test kitchen, where potential products could be produced in a facility that would meet government regulations.

Currently, the department is seeking input from the agricultural community. A survey is being conducted in search of opportunities for the facility. To participate or for more information please contact the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and Fisheries office at 902-563-2000.

4-H - Cape Breton

On August 18, 4-H'ers hosted the North Sydney Exhibition Grounds and celebrated 4-H day in Cape Breton County.

On August 23, the Inverness County Show is being held. Inverness is known for their quality projects and their strong entries in the dairy classes. Both shows are great opportunities for interested persons to see the many talents of Cape Breton youth.

Victoria County Show

On September 6, Victoria County will be holding County Day at the Baddeck Valley Hall. Staff are always impressed with the wide range of projects Victoria County members are involved in. The public is welcome to attend event.

SUMMING IT UP

Man - despite his artistic pretensions, his sophistication, and his many accomplishments - owes his existence to a six inch layer of topsoil and the fact that it rains.
(Unknown)



St. John Ambulance Canada

FIRST AID TRAINING

St. John Ambulance offers first aid courses in various locations around Cape Breton several times per month. For more information on first aid training near you please call 902-564-4189.

Land-Use Planning In The Western Region

Producers in the area are encouraged to become involved in land use planning in the coming months. Planning processes are currently underway in three municipalities in the region:

- The municipality of the County of Annapolis is reviewing its land use strategy and by-laws for the East End Annapolis Area
- The municipality of the District of Digby is embarking on a planning process with a primary focus on the agricultural industry
- The municipality of the District of Clare is well into its planning process having completed a series of public meetings last winter and the Planning Advisory Committee is in the process of developing a draft strategy and by-laws.

Well developed land use plans can offer agricultural producers protection from encroachment by non-farm neighbours and from nuisance complaints, provide protection for agricultural land and allow future development for the industry. However, input from the agricultural producers is an essential part of the process.

Fall and Winter Sessions

The summer may seem to be a strange time to start thinking about fall and winter sessions, but now is the time to start planning and organizing so that we can organize the types of sessions that producers in the region want. The public is invited to forward any suggestions on the types of information sessions they would like to see this coming season. Please phone 902-837-5162, fax 902-837-7696, email moermade@gov.ns.ca or send suggestions to: NS Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, P.O. Box 309, Weymouth, N.S. B0W 3T0.

OFFICE NEWS:

Jacqueline Bray has been hired as the summer student with Agriculture and Fisheries. She is working with Kevin Bekkers on the Manure Management Guidelines, Dead Stock Removal Project, and handling day-to-day office requests. Jacqueline is in her second year at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College. She is enrolled in the Animal Health Technology Program. Good Luck Jacqueline!!

The Federation of Agriculture held an information session on the Canada Nova Scotia Temporary Slaughter Cattle Disaster Program (BSE Recovery Program). It was held in the Boardroom at the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries in Antigonish. Robin Bremner, Promotion and Education Coordinator and Susan Simpson, Program Coordinator were available to answer questions.

4-H NEWS

Ariane Lalonde-Borris is this year's summer exchange student at the Antigonish office. She is from a small town named "L'Orignal" situated in the eastern part of Ontario, an hour between Ottawa and Montreal. She wanted to come to Nova Scotia to improve her English skills. She has been working in the 4-H office for a month now and has two more weeks with us. Ariane has been working with Becky Bowron, the 4-H summer assistant, and Dawn Barrington, the 4-H Specialist, typing letters, certificates, recording radio tapes and other duties. She also went on the Junior Tour to Shubenacadie Wildlife Park on Friday, July 22 and to Pictou for an achievement day on July 25. She would like to thank everyone for being so kind, welcoming and considerate. She is having a successful trip and we are enjoying her as well. Bonne Chance Ariane!