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Agriculture Services

NEWSLETTER



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Succession Planning - An Agri-business Perspective

What are you waiting for?

More than 120,000 Canadian farmers are expected to turn 65 by 2010, and some \$50 billion in farm assets will change hands — more than \$9 million each day. Yet, statistics report less than five per cent of agri-owners have a written succession/retirement plan. What is more, agri-operators across all sectors will at some point face the same question, “Will my business be able to survive the next generation?”

To help clarify many of the issues you will face during the process, the Canadian Federation of Independent business (CFIB) has developed a brochure to help raise awareness of the importance of planning ahead in terms of succession and retirement. The Federation worked closely with the Canadian Association of Farm Advisors (CAFA) and invited a number of industry experts in such areas as taxation, estates, investment, retirement, and risk management to offer their advice and tips for you and your family.

Copies of this brochure are available at your regional Agriculture and Fisheries office or at the CFIB web site www.cfib.ca/agri



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CAIS PROGRAM UPDATE – FALL 2004

Robin Bremner, NSDAF

Nova Scotia is ahead of the national average with close to 80 per cent participation in the Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization (CAIS) Program for 2003 and 2004. If you are participating for 2003, 2004 or both years, please be aware:

2003 Form deadlines: 2003 participants should remember that the Supplementary Forms for that year have to be submitted by **September 30, 2004**. Also, ensure that you have filed your T1163 for individuals (tax form) or sent in a Corporate Statement A (to CAIS).

2004 Interim: If you are a 2004 CAIS participant, you are now eligible to use a 2004 Interim Application. The Interim process

allows you to apply for a partial payment now, based on projections for this year.

These applications can be downloaded from the website at www.agr.gc.ca/caisprogram or you can call 1-866-367-8506 and have one mailed to you. The deadline for 2004 Interim Applications is March 1, 2005.

2003 and 2004 deposit

The deposit deadline for 2003 and 2004 years is December 31, 2004. It is only necessary to make 1/3 of your deposit amount, but remember it should be 1/3 of whichever deposit is higher (of 2003 or 2004). If you are only participating for one year, make 1/3 of the deposit required for

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that year. You will receive a deposit notice which will outline your requirements for 2003 and 2004.

More information about the CAIS program is available at www.agr.gc.ca/caisprogram. This website has all forms and guides available for downloading as well as fact sheets and online calculators. You can also call 1-866-367-8506 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Atlantic Time, to ask questions and have information mailed to you.

INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY DIGEST

Jamey P Coughlin, Business Opportunities Specialist, NSDAF, Truro

A growing market for the fatter and richer pork from Berkshire Pigs, a diner that sources most of its food from local farmers, an incubator for beginning farmers in Vermont, and a wide assortment of business planning, analysis, feasibility and investment guides – are all stories found in Business Development and Economics Division's "Innovation and Opportunity Digest". The

monthly digest seeks to stimulate discussion on new business opportunities in Nova Scotia's agriculture, aquaculture and fisheries sectors. The Digest is always looking for new contributors, articles, websites and ideas.

Issues of the Digest can be found at: www.gov.ns.ca/nsaf/bmed/digest.



CROP AND LIVESTOCK INSURANCE UPDATE

Winter Grain Production Insurance

Application Deadline – September 1

If you are growing winter grains and presently do not have production insurance for your winter grains (feed wheat, milling wheat and fall rye), the deadline to apply for coverage is fast approaching – September 1.

Production Insurance is designed to compensate for losses incurred resulting from unavoidable hazards that are beyond the grower's control such as – drought, frost, hail, wind, winter kill, excessive moisture, insect infestation, plant diseases and wildlife. The deadline for planting winter grains is September 30 in Annapolis County, Kings County and Hants West and September 20 for all other areas of the province.

Coverage is available at 70, 80, 85 and 90 per cent of Average Insurable Yields.

For further information on price options and where to obtain an application contact either our Kentville office (902- 679-6015 / 679-6028) or Truro office (1-800-565-6371 toll-free).

Forage Establishment Insurance

Application Deadline – October 31

Fields of legumes and legume-grass mixes seeded by July 1 are eligible for coverage. Often there is enough soil moisture present for the plants to start growth but drought conditions may restrict root development and the plants do not become well

established, or the plants can be attacked by armyworms, reducing the plant population. Fields of grass seeded by September 1 may also suffer from drought conditions which might affect germination rates and overwintering ability. The fields are insured from seeding until May 31, the following calendar year. For maximum protection on newly seeded fields you should consider applying for coverage as soon as the fields are seeded and not wait for the deadline of October 31.

For further information on this plan and where to obtain an application contact either our Kentville office (679-6015 / 679-6028) or Truro office (1-800-565-6371 toll-free).

Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries

Rosalind Penfound

Rosalind C. (Hale) Penfound was born in Pictou County and attended Stellarton Schools. She attended Dalhousie University, receiving degrees in Physical Education(1974) and Law(1977). She briefly practiced law and then worked in the private sector before joining the Land Registration and Information Service, Council of Maritime Premiers where she worked as a solicitor between 1981 and 1989.

Rosalind became the first full time Executive Director of the Association of Nova Scotia Land Surveyors in 1989. In 1992 Rosalind joined the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources, where as Director, Land Resources and Executive Director, Land Services, she was involved in a wide variety of public and private land management and resource issues. In February of 2004 she was appointed Assistant

Deputy Minister and Acting Deputy Minister, Nova Scotia Environment and Labour. On June 21, 2004, she became Deputy Minister, Agriculture and Fisheries.

Rosalind resides in Dartmouth with her husband, Mark, and they have two children, Kate and Will. She is active in community affairs and enjoys outdoor activities including running and rowing.

NEW DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES

Melinda Kinney has joined the Crop and Livestock Insurance Commission as Business Systems Specialist. Melinda will be taking the lead on information management and systems issues. She brings a solid background in data systems management with a Bachelor of Information Systems from St. F.X. She was previously employed with Canada Customs and Revenue Agency and with Cognos Inc. both in Ottawa. Melinda will be working out of the Truro office.

Brent MacQuarrie is the newest member of the Business Development and Economics team as a Business Development Specialist. Brent will be working out of the Truro office (Harlow Bldg.).

Brent is a New Glasgow native and a graduate of St. F.X. where he obtained his Bachelor of Business Administration Degree. He worked for the past 10 years as a development officer in community economic development with the RDA in Pictou County. Prior to that he was with MT&T in customer services, marketing, government relations and regulatory affairs.

New Assistant Agricultural Resource Coordinator Appointed for Valley Region

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Brian MacCulloch as the new Assistant Agricultural Resource Coordinator for the Valley Region effective Monday, June 14, 2004. Brian is working out of our Kentville office (Agricultural Centre) and can be reached at (902) 679-6006.

Brian brings a wealth of experience to this position. He graduated with his B.Sc. in Plant Protection in 1987 and Masters of Agriculture in Agribusiness in 1989. Brian has worked in government and the private sector, including work with the NS Fruit Growers Association. He has experience in wild blueberry management and nursery stock management systems. He has worked on land use issues, including land mapping systems and sustainable development.

Environmental Regulations Handbook for Nova Scotia Agriculture Second Edition Available

This updated handbook outlines the environmental regulations, standards, codes and guidelines which affect, or may affect the management of your farm. This handbook has been revised to reflect the current laws and regulations. The second edition of the Environmental Regulation Handbook for Nova Scotia Agriculture is now available from the regional agricultural offices. It is also available on the NSDAF website at <http://www.gov.ns.ca/nsaf/rs/envman/pub.htm>.

CENTRE FOR CONTINUING AND DISTANCE EDUCATION, NSAC

Pesticide Applicator's Certification

To complete your pesticide applicator's exam, you require current knowledge of the safe use, handling and storage of pesticides, information on the current legislation and the ability to do calculations. NSAC professor, Glen Sampson also provides information on pesticide types and integrated pesticide techniques. Participants will be able to write the Department of Environment and Labour's exam on the final morning of the course.

The course is being offered at NSAC, Truro, on:

November 15 – 17
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
November 18
8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Optional sessions will be held on Monday, November 15 and Tuesday, November 16 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The deadline to register is October 29.

To obtain your pesticide applicator's license, you must first pass a pesticide applicator's examination. If you take this course, we administer the exam at no additional fee and forward it to the Department of Environment and Labour. Your exam results will be mailed to you and you may purchase a license through your local NSDEL office.

Schedule and Fees – Fall 2004

Introductory Welding

October 5 – 21
Tuesdays and Thursdays
6:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Tuition: \$400
Decision Deadline: September 17

Responsible Horse Owner I

October 6 – November 17
Wednesdays
6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Tuition: \$400
Decision Deadline: September 21

Pest Management Update for Landscapers

Thursday, October 28
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Tuition: \$80
Decision Deadline: October 13

Pest Management Update for Farmers

Thursday, November 4
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Tuition: \$80
Decision Deadline: October 20

Nutrition and Conditioning for Performance Horse

Saturday, November 6
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Tuition: \$80
Decision Deadline: October 22

Nutrient Management Planning

November 22 – 25
Monday – Thursday
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Tuition: \$200
Decision Deadline: November 5

Note: A minimum number of students is required for each course. The "Decision Deadline" is the date on which courses with insufficient enrolment will be cancelled. If you are interested in taking a course, please apply and pay as early as possible.

For more information, contact:
Centre for Continuing and Distance Education
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www.ExhibitionsNS.org

www.gov.ns.ca/nsaf/elibrary/exhibition.htm



Two Nova Scotia 4-H Members Win National Scholarships

A local food guide and, processing beef for the Metro food bank are two of the great community projects that Nova Scotia 4-H members, Jason van der Linden from Antigonish and Jaime Fraser from Tatamagouche, will undertake with funding from the Farm Credit Canada (FCC), 4-H national scholarship program.

Twenty-one entries were submitted and six winners from across Canada were chosen. Entries were judged on their benefit to the community, creativity, budget and plan completeness. The program encourages students to submit plans to address farm safety, community improvement or a hunger issue in their communities. In addition to receiving up to \$3000 to implement their project, the winners each receive a \$1500 educational scholarship.

Jason van der Linden, a 20 year old member with the Foremost 4-H Club in Antigonish County, first came up with the idea to provide the Metro Food Bank with ground beef after local farmers experienced a difficult time in the beef industry. He realized that farmers weren't getting much for cull cows and thought that if he could buy or have cull cows donated, that he would pay for processing the animal then donate the meat to people who could use it. To date he has had eight cows donated, averaging 400 lbs dressed, with hopes of that number reaching 12. Farmers who donate cows receive a tax receipt. The money he received from FCC is used to process the meat at Ferguson Brothers in Pictou County and package it at Vacheress's Meats in Antigonish. It is then transported, frozen, to the Metro Food Bank in Halifax.

Jaime Fraser, a 17 year old member with the North Shore 4-H Club in Colchester County, wanted to help a local project that needed funding.

She decided to compile a local food guide that provides consumers with a map and information about 42 local farms in Colchester County. The books will be distributed free at Farmer's Markets and tourist bureaus, with the request that each person donate one dollar for each book taken. Donations from the

books and proceeds from a community meal, using local agricultural products, will cover the cost of printing next year's issue.

Both 4-H members will use their \$1500 FCC scholarship to study at the Nova Scotia Agriculture College.

Alberta Horse Classic, A First for N.S. 4-H Members

For the first time, four 4-H members from Nova Scotia joined youth from across the country at the 10th annual Alberta 4-H Horse Classic, July 28 – 30 at Olds College in Olds, Alberta. The 4-H Horse Classic taught 16 – 21 year old 4-H members about horsemanship and tested their knowledge at a variety of clinics in lunging, vaulting and polo training.

Participants also engaged in a variety of contests that challenged their creative presentation and marketing skills. 4-H members spoke on equine related topics, developed an equine print advertisement and marketed pedigree horses to potential buyers. Delegate equine knowledge was

tested in areas such as live horse judging, team problems, identification and skill development.

The Nova Scotia team placed third over all. The team of four senior 4-H members attending the Alberta 4-H Horse Classic from Nova Scotia were Sarah Lowe, Lunenburg County; Kaitlyn Kennedy, Antigonish County; Travis Smith, Cumberland County and Katie Greenough, Hants County. Chaperoning the team was Sherri Greenough of Hants County. Sara Lowe placed first in light horse judging, third in public speaking and Travis Smith placed first in the marketing competition.

Nova Scotia 4-H Show to Be Held in Truro

4-H members are busy making preparations for the annual Nova Scotia 4-H Show, October 1 – 3, at the Provincial Exhibition Grounds in Truro. This three-day event sees 4-H families and volunteers working together to showcase the 4-H members' projects to the public.

The show has grown from humble beginnings to exhibiting over 40 different livestock and non-livestock projects such as dog, rabbit, foods, photography, sheep, computer, goat and crafts. The 4-H program has

something of interest to everyone and develops a variety of life skills in youth.

This year the 4-H Councils in the counties of Colchester, Cumberland and Halifax – East Hants have the responsibility of hosting the 4-H Show. Their responsibilities include everything from making site arrangements to providing security and fund raising. Competitions begin Friday, October 1 and continue until noon on Sunday, October 3. The public is welcome to attend this family event and the admission is free.

Cape Breton 4-H Clubs Reach Out to Children in Sierra Leone

It is often said that one person can make a difference. In this case it is one group of 4-H members and leaders. Since March, Cape Breton Island 4-H members have been easing their way into the hearts of many children in Sierra Leone, Africa, hoping to make their lives a little brighter. Thirteen 4-H clubs have gathered and sent over 800 lbs of toys, personal items, clothing and school supplies to the hospitals, schools and orphanages in this war torn country.

It all began with an e-mail exchange between Inspector Gary Brine, an RCMP officer doing peacekeeping duty with UNAMSIL, the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone, Africa, and his cousin Cheryl Chandler, Communications Coordinator with the 4-H Section. In his e-mail he described Sierra Leone and his responsibilities there as the Officer in Charge of the Canadian Police Contingent in the country's capital, Freetown.

Sierra Leone is a small country located on the west coast of Africa, just north of the equator. The country has beautiful mountains, fertile plains and beaches and is very rich in mineral resources, mainly diamonds

and gold. For the last ten years the country has suffered through a very violent war where rebels have tried to overthrow the government. Several years ago the United Nations went to Sierra Leone to end the war and help the country get back on her feet.

Despite the country's wealth of minerals, most people in Sierra Leone are extremely poor. Inspector Brine has met many young people during his ten month tour of duty. But, because of the poverty he has not met children that have toys to play with. "The most common "toy" I see young people playing with is rolling an old wheel or bicycle rim around with a stick, trying to keep it rolling as long as they can," he said.

Inspector Brine wrote "The average life expectancy there is 45 years, one in four children die before their fifth birthday, and most people live on less than \$2.00 a day. Most of the country does not have electricity or running water. Paved roads are few and far between. Hospitals, doctors, stores and the many things we take for granted are almost non-existent here. I know of one village where the people walk almost two miles to get their drinking water."

The 4-H members on Cape Breton Island were touched by his stories about the children, their lack of toys and quickly pitched in to help. Many of the donations sent to Sierra Leone have been given to schools and orphanages. On each and every occasion Inspector Brine was met with much joy and happiness from the students and teachers. "Many were overwhelmed to receive the gifts from Canada and there were even a few tears of happiness," he said.

"I want to thank each and everyone of you who has worked to bring such happiness to the young people in Sierra Leone. Your determination and generosity has been so impressive to me. I must tell you that you have truly made a huge difference in the lives of many young people here."

Inspector Brine, a native of Glace Bay, returns to Canada on August 13 to resume duties with the RCMP in Smithers, B.C. after a year long tour of peacekeeping duty with the United Nations.

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ENHANCING NOVA SCOTIA AGRICULTURE

Lucy Uberoi, Regional Manager of Marketing and Communications - Atlantic Canada
Ducks Unlimited Canada



Ducks Unlimited Canada
CANADA'S CONSERVATION COMPANY

Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) and the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and Fisheries are working with Nova Scotia farmers to help enhance their property and achieve its full natural habitat potential. There are five eligible activities under the Biodiversity Initiative in the Farm Investment Fund that help Nova Scotia farmers achieve these goals. These activities include Small Marsh Restoration, Farm Pond Programs, Beaver Pond Management, Wildlife Flushing Bars and Purple Loosestrife Control. In particular, the Small Marsh Restoration, Farm Pond and Beaver Pond programs are habitat programs that have proven to be popular with Nova Scotia farmers.

Small Marsh Restoration involves excavating clogged up wetlands.

Small berms or water control structures may be used to make the marsh productive again. The result is shallow open water areas with some plant life remaining as cover.

The Farm Pond program involves constructing wetlands to reduce the environmental effects of water runoff from feedlots, solid manure storages and disposal of milk house waste water. Natural processes within wetlands can improve the quality of the water leaving the farm.

Beaver Pond programs are used on farms where a beaver's presence has become problematic. In these cases the beaver dam is broken by digging a trench through the structure and a Clemson Beaver Leveler is installed in this trench. This pipe allows water to continue to flow through the dam once the beavers rebuild, thereby maintaining the water level of the pond.

The projects under the Farm Investment Fund are cost shared ventures between the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and

Fisheries, DUC and farmers. Farmers will work with DUC staff to evaluate the area, survey it and plan the work that needs to be done. This front-end cost is provided at no charge. Farmers can receive between 50 – 70 per cent of restoration costs depending on the eligible project activity. To be eligible for the Biodiversity Initiative funding, farmers must have a completed Environmental Farm Plan.

Restoration of natural wetlands demonstrates that private landowners are leaders in environmentally sustainable land use. Restored wetlands also provide recreational benefits to landowners as they provide an area for skating, fishing, hunting or wildlife viewing.

If you are interested in learning more about program funding please contact the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and Fisheries at 1-866-844-4276 or to learn more about these projects please contact Ducks Unlimited Canada at 1-866-903-8257.

Livestock Sales

Annapolis Co. Federation Livestock Sales will start again in September with the following sale dates: September 11, September 25, October 9, October 23.

South Shore 4-H Region Upcoming Dates and Events

Lunenburg County

- August 21 – New Ross 4-H Achievement Day, New Ross Community Fair grounds
- August 23 – Lunenburg County NS 4-H Show meeting, 7:30 p.m., Bridgewater Provincial Building
- August 26 – Lunenburg County Awards Banquet, 6:30 p.m., Michelin Social Club

Queens County

- August 24 – Queens County Council Meeting, 7 p.m., at Sharon Crooker's house
- September 21–22 – 4-H Day Queens County Exhibition

REGIONAL EVENTS:

- September 11 – South Shore Regional 4-H Fall Craft Workshop for Leaders, Wileville Hall.

Valley 4-H Region Upcoming Dates and Events

Kings County

- August 23 – Junior Tour to Hatfield Farm and Dartmouth Sportsplex
- August 25 – Senior Tour to Magic Mountain (Rain Day August 26)

Hants County

- August 16 - 18 – Senior Members Tour to P.E.I.
- August 16 - 21 – Light Horse Camp
- August 21 – Light Horse Achievement Day
- August 23 – Junior Tour to Hatfield Farm and Dartmouth Sportsplex
- August 25 – Senior Tour to Magic Mountain (Rain Day, August 26)

REGIONAL EVENTS:

- October 1- 3 – Nova Scotia Provincial 4-H Show in Truro



Annapolis Valley Exhibition

August 16 – 21, 2004
 Lawrencetown, Annapolis County

New Ross Community Fair

August 20 – 21, 2004
 New Ross, Lunenburg County

Dalhousie Community Fair

August 28, 2004
 Dalhousie, Kings County

Western Kings Fair

September 4, 2004
 Tremont, Kings County

Hants County Exhibition

September 17 – 19 and
 September 24 – 26, 2004
 Windsor, Hants County

Queens County Exhibition

September 21 – 25, 2004
 Caledonia, Queens County

Food Handler's Certification Program

The purpose of this course is to understand the fundamentals of sanitation and safety regarding the serving of food to the public. Included in this workshop are the laws, rules, and procedures related to healthy food service and operations.

Contaminated food, eaten by your customers, could cause serious illness or even death. This could be financially disastrous to your operation.

What Can You Do to Protect Your Reputation?

The Food Handler's Certification Program course provides the theory and practical information needed to ensure your food is prepared, handled, received, stored and served safely, using the HACCP Safe Food System. Register now!

These courses are put on periodically throughout the year by the Quality Evaluation Food Safety Section of the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and Fisheries. To get your name on the registration list please call Cheryl at (902) 563-2000.

Notice: Online WHMIS Course

The Point Edward Resource Centre C@P Site, (located in the previous Devco farms property), is offering online WHMIS training. This course is beneficial and important in identification and safe handling of various chemical substances used in the workplace. For more information please call Mike at (902) 564-2729.

REMINDER TO LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS

If you have not received or completed the abattoir feasibility survey being conducted by Thyagrissen Consulting, there is still time. The results of this study could have a very significant impact on the livestock industry in Cape Breton, not only for beef production but sheep, lamb, pork, and game animals as well. Anyone who has an opinion or suggestion on this very important study is urged to fill out the survey or contact Yvonne Thyssen-Post directly. For more information or to receive a copy of the survey please contact Yvonne Thyssen-Post at (902) 895-1414 or Gary Koziel at (902) 563-2000.



St. John Ambulance Canada FIRST AID TRAINING

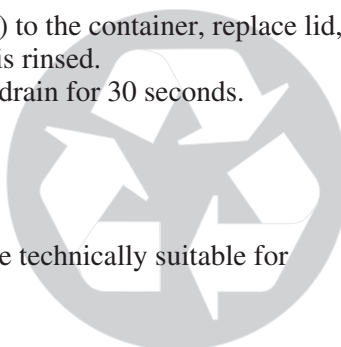
St. John Ambulance offers first aid courses in various locations around Cape Breton several times per month. For more information on First Aid Training near you please call their main office in Sydney at (902) 564-4189.

ATTENTION: RECYCLING USED PESTICIDE CONTAINERS

HERE'S WHAT TO DO:

1. Allow the remaining formulation to drain from the container for at least 30 seconds.
2. Add water (at least 20 per cent of the capacity) to the container, replace lid, and rotate so that the interior of the container is rinsed.
3. Empty the rinse water into the spray tank and drain for 30 seconds.
4. Repeat the above procedure twice more.
5. Render containers unuseable by puncturing.
6. Leave label on the container.

Containers that have been handled in this way are technically suitable for disposal.



The United Farmers Co-op on Keltic Drive in Sydney River is now accepting properly cleaned pesticide containers for recycling.

You can drop off containers at the CO-OP COUNTRY STORE for recycling from now until September 30, 2004.

Containers will be collected and recycled courtesy of Truro Agromart, Co-op Country Store and Enviro-Pro



4-H News

4-H families in Inverness and Victoria Counties should mark their calendars for some upcoming county 4-H Shows. The Inverness Co. 4-H Show will take place on Saturday, Aug. 28, 2004 at the Brook Village Hall. The Victoria Co. 4-H Show will take place on Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004 at the Baddeck Forks Hall. Both events are open to the general public, free of charge. They will include livestock shows for rabbit, calf, poultry, dog and goat, to name a few. Also, there will be competitions and displays on homemaking, horticulture, as well as, non-livestock projects such as woodworking,

photography, first aid, computer and welding. For more information contact the local 4-H office at (902) 563-2000 or (902) 945-2901.

DAIRY JUDGING SCHOOL

4-H Dairy members, as well as dairy farmers, are invited to a Holstein Judging School. This training session will be held on Monday, September 6 (Labour Day) at the Exhibition Grounds in Antigonish beginning at 10 a.m. Lunch is on your own.

PEI TOUR

The Eastern NS Holstein Club has a tour to PEI scheduled for October 28 and 29, 2004. En route and in Prince Edward Island, the group will visit various farms to view cattle and facilities, as well as to learn about marketing and sale of purebred cattle. The tour will also take in the Maritime Fall Classic Sale at Craswell's. The deadline to register is September 1. For more information, please contact Rhonda MacDougall at (902) 867-1252.

Program Assistance

Over the past month I have been assisting producers in the region with the completion of program applications. Should you need my assistance please call the office in Weymouth and I will make arrangements with you to provide the assistance you want.

Fall and Winter Sessions

It may seem early, but fall will soon be upon us and it is now time to start thinking about fall and winter programs. If you have any ideas for topics you would like to see covered this fall and winter please contact:

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Western Region 4-H ~ Upcoming Events

- August 25 – 4-H Day at the Digby County Exhibition, Bear River
- September 8 – Annapolis County 4-H Leaders Council meetings at the
October 13 4-H office in Lawrencetown at 7 p.m.
- September 15 – Yarmouth County 4-H Leaders Council meetings at the
October 20 4-H office in Yarmouth at 7:30 p.m.
- September 16 – Digby County 4-H Leaders Council meetings at the
October 21 Digby Fire Hall boardroom at 7 p.m.
- October 1–3 – Nova Scotia 4-H Show, Truro
- October 11 – Digby County 4-H Awards Banquet
- October 17 – Annapolis County 4-H Awards Banquet
- October 18 – Yarmouth County 4-H Awards Banquet

For further information on these events please contact:

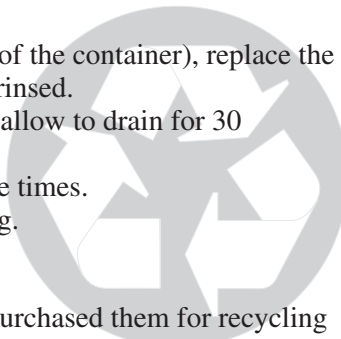
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RECYCLE YOUR USED PESTICIDE CONTAINERS

Producers can help do their part for the environment by handling used pesticide containers as follows:

1. Allow the remaining formulation to drain from the container for at least 30 seconds.
2. Add water (at least 20 per cent of the volume of the container), replace the lid and rotate so the inside of the container is rinsed.
3. Empty the rinse water into the spray tank and allow to drain for 30 seconds.
4. **Repeat** the above procedure two or three more times.
5. Render the containers unuseable by puncturing.
6. Leave the label on the container.

Containers should be returned to the place you purchased them for recycling or will be accepted by Truro Agromart from now until September 30.



Colchester County Partners

Recently Colchester County Federation of Agriculture and the local RDA (CORDA), NSDAF and NSAC partnered in the development, promotion and distribution of a booklet highlighting producers and farm businesses that direct sell to the consumer. This initiative will provide a direct marketing opportunity for producers with the booklets being distributed to all households in the county. A copy can be viewed on the CORDA website at: www.corda.ca or by calling 1-866-227-6182.

Funding for this project was provided by the Agri-Food Industry Development Fund, Agri-Futures and CORDA.

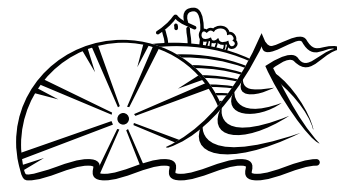
Halifax East Hants Plowing Match

The Halifax East-Hants Federation of Agriculture will be sponsoring a plowing match and demonstration day on Saturday, September 25, 2004. The event will be held at the farm of Dave & Dean Cole in Middle Musquodoboit (highway #357, Elderbank).

Along with the plowing match the day will also include tillage demonstrations featuring no-till, no-till demonstrations as well as static machinery displays. The plowing match starts at 9:30 a.m. with sign up, plowing begins at 10:00 and runs until 3:00 p.m.

A BBQ chicken lunch will also be available at the site.

All are welcome to attend. For more information contact Dave Cole at (902) 384-2403.



Exhibition Dates in the Region

- August 24 – 28
Nova Scotia Provincial
Exhibition, Truro
- August 31 – Sept. 4
Cumberland County Exhibition,
Oxford
- September 8 – 11
Pictou/North Colchester
Exhibition, Pictou
- Sept. 17 – 19 & 24 – 26
Hants County Exhibition,
Windsor
- October 1 – 3
Nova Scotia 4-H Show, Truro
- October 8 – 17
Maritime Fall Fair, Halifax

For more information, contact Bill MacLeod, Resource Co-ordinator, Truro, 893-3645.



NSAC Courses

The Center for Continuing & Distance Education at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College recently released their 2004-05 Course Calendar. For a listing of the courses contact the Center at (902) 893-6666 or on the web at www.nsac.ns.ca/cde

See page 4 in this newsletter for upcoming courses.