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WATER **MANAGEMENT**

Understanding issues in the rural context

– A Maritime Event – Rural Water Policy Symposium
Nova Scotia Agricultural College, Truro, Nova Scotia
November 8, 2006

The Nova Scotia Agricultural College (NSAC) has recognized the need to help Maritime farmers become effective participants in the development of government water policies. The college is hosting a rural water policy symposium on November 8, 2006 in the Alumni Theatre. The symposium is a 50th anniversary project of the NSAC Class of 1956 in partnership with the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

As the boundaries between rural and urban areas encroach upon one another, the availability of quality water sources is emerging as an issue of unmistakable importance. Effective water resource management is essential for dealing with this issue to ensure long term sustainability of both the Maritime agricultural industry and rural communities. If the farm voice is to be heard in the development of government legislation and water-use guidelines, members of the farming community must be effective participants in the decision-making process. The focus of this symposium will be water policy development in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island.

Dr. Ted MacNinch, President of the NSAC Class of 1956, says the group is interested in developing a better understanding of the water related issues affecting the rural community. They feel there is a need for increased dialogue between farm and rural leaders on issues of sustainable water quality in Atlantic Canada. MacNinch noted that farm leaders are forced continually to take defensive positions when it comes to water use policy. As an initial step in changing this situation, the intent of the symposium is to improve the understanding of rural water quality issues and to strengthen rural involvement in the formation of public policies affecting rural and small town water supplies.

The symposium will be open to the public and will feature keynote speakers from the Maritimes and elsewhere in Canada. Morning sessions will include talks on the water resources of the Maritimes, the public water policy development process, as well as socio-economic water issues. There will also be a

presentation on farmers' perspective of public water policy development in Ontario. Rural water management case studies will be presented during the afternoon, on topics including well-field protection in New Brunswick, water management in the Snides Lake watershed in Nova Scotia, best management practices in PEI, the water quality inquiry in Walkerton, Ontario, as well as a presentation on developing issues in the USA.

Dr. Robert Gordon, Canada Research Chair in Agricultural Resource Management at NSAC, suggests that the event will provide an excellent opportunity for emerging water management challenges to be discussed in the rural context.

Funding for the symposium was provided by the Agricultural Policy Framework, a federal-provincial-territorial initiative, and the NSAC Class of 1956.

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NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday December 1, 2006 to Saturday December 2, 2006
Glengarry Convention Centre
150 Willow Street, Truro

For further information contact: Donna Langille (902) 893-2293

The registration fee of \$50 is payable by cheque or money order and includes lunch, nutrition breaks, and information package. There is an opportunity to register at the door, but remember – SPACE IS LIMITED SO REGISTER EARLY!

Information is available, including registration and program details, at <http://www.nsac.ca/water/>.



**Nova Scotia
Agricultural
College**



Nova Scotia Crop and Livestock Insurance Commission Production Insurance

2006 Application Deadlines:

Raspberries – October 31
Strawberries – November 14
Blueberries – November 14
Tree Fruit – November 30

New Program Additions

Tree Fruit Insurance by Variety

Deadline: November 30, 2006
Growers will be able to insure the high value varieties of apples separately from the lower value varieties within their contract / production guarantee. At the present time the yield from all varieties are used to make up the guarantee with a blended price option. The new feature will allow for the top two value varieties to be insured at one value and the remainder of the crop at another value, these would be combined to make up the production guarantee. Full details will be coming soon.

Stone Fruit Insurance (peaches, cherries, plums)

Deadline: November 30, 2006

Weather Derivative for Forage Production

– This program guarantees 80 per cent of long term average rainfall for two, three or four months. It will use weather data from the weather station nearest to your farm. Coverage will be based on dollar value per acre and a provincial average yield. You will be able to insure any amount less than or up to the value of total acreage on your farm. The average value of “storable forage” is \$225 per acre, and pasture is \$40 per acre. In the event of too much rain during the month of June, there will be a quality adjustment provision. Full details will be coming soon.

Sunflowers and Canola:

Watch for fall and winter information sessions on these exciting new developments.

For more details on any of the insurance plans contact us at 1-800-565-6371 (Truro) or (902) 679-6015/ 6028 (Kentville).

Information is also available by contacting: Terra Jamieson, MSc - Water Resource Coordinator, Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture, phone: (902) 956-0580 email: nsfa_jamieson@hotmail.com

Forage Sessions for Beef and Sheep Producers

AgraPoint is holding a series of sessions to help producers recognize the quality of their forage and explore ways to deal with the impacts of forage quality. Amy Sangster, Sean Firth and Bill Thomas from AgraPoint will be leading and facilitating the sessions. Dates and communities are:

November 7 – Mabou
Mabou Fire Hall
November 8 – West River
West River Fire Hall
November 9 – Oxford
Oxford Lion's Club
November 14 – Stewiacke
Stewiacke Legion
November 21 – Bridgewater
Wandlyn Inn
November 22 – Aylesford
Aylesford Fire Hall
November 23 – Yarmouth
Yarmouth Community College

Please note that some of these communities may change. Visit www.agrapoint.ca for further information or call toll-free 1-866-606-4636 for changes. Doors will open at 7 p.m. with sessions starting at 7:30 p.m. These sessions are offered at no charge to participants but pre-registration at least one week before each session is encouraged to assist with planning. To register call 1-866-606-4636 or e-mail Ruth Ann at r.hutchinson@agrapoint.ca



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Back issues of this newsletter are available on-line at <http://www.gov.ns.ca/nsaf/rs/fs/arcs/>

Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization Program (CAIS)

2005 CAIS Payments and Processing

Some producers have received a 2005 payment and/or a Calculation of Benefits (COB). It is EXTREMELY important to look over your COB when you receive it as there may be errors. You have 90 days from the date on the COB to make adjustments and appeal to the CAIS Administration.

CAIS Late Filing Provision

The late filing provision is a new feature introduced this year that will allow those who missed the deadline to participate. If you missed the September 30, 2006 deadline for filing your CAIS forms, you can still submit your forms until DECEMBER 31, 2006. There will be a \$500/month penalty for late filing, however, it will provide you with an opportunity to participate in the 2005 program year.

CAIS Fee

As you know, the CAIS deposit was replaced by the CAIS Fee. The fee is made up of two parts. The first part is the \$55 ACS (Administrative Cost Share) which has always been in place. The change to the ACS is that it will now be collected before processing where in the past it was deducted from your CAIS benefits.

The second part is the new participation fee, based on your own personal reference margin, which has replaced the deposit. Most producers have received notification of their total CAIS Fee amount (ACS + Participation Fee). If you have not yet received this contact the CAIS administration. The deadline to pay the fee amount is December 31, 2006 for the 2006 CAIS program year. There is a late payment provision for this feature also. If you pay between January 1, 2007

and April 30, 2007 you must pay a twenty per cent penalty (FEE + 20 per cent). This feature allows those who missed the deadlines to still participate for 2006.

CITI Program Payments

The CITI (CAIS Inventory Transition Initiative) is a federal companion program that will provide more funds to eligible producers based on a change in method of inventory valuation. The new "hybrid" method will value market inventory based on a price at the beginning of the year and a price at the end of the year. Productive assets, such as breeding herds, will continue to be valued with a year end price only. Under the CITI program, CAIS benefits will be recalculated with this new "hybrid" method.

Producers who trigger an additional payment through this new method of inventory valuation will receive a

cheque and/or have a reduction in their CAIS overpayment. If a producer was to receive less under this initiative - there will be no further action. CITI payments will initially go out at a pro-rated level of five per cent for the 2003 and 2004 program years. The 2005 payment rate will be determined once the 2003 and 2004 payments have been issued. These payments are scheduled to begin with the 2003 year recalculations in September/October, the 2004 program year in November/December, leaving the 2005 payments scheduled for January/February.

For more information on any of the above points, contact the CAIS toll-free line at 1-866-367-8506, visit the CAIS website at www.agr.gc.ca/caisprogram/ or contact Christine Moore, Programs and Business Risk Management (NSDA) at (902) 893-6374 or toll-free 1-866-844-4276.

Programs Update

Both the FARM INVESTMENT FUND and the AGRI-FOOD INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT FUND for 2006-2007 remain open and the flow of applications is steady. The TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT 2000 program was released on July 18, 2006. The two scheduled calls for Letters of Intent are August 15, 2006 and January 15, 2007.

The guidelines and application forms for all three programs may be accessed at the following web site: www.gov.ns.ca/nsaf/prm/. Questions? Contact Programs and Business Risk Management office at (902) 893-6510 or toll free 1-866-844-4276.

OPTIONS Program

The OPTIONS Program is a federally delivered program that is aimed at providing immediate relief to producers while working on long-term solutions to improve their income prospects. If total family income from all sources in the 2005 tax year is less than \$15,000 (for individuals) or less than \$25,000 (for families), you may be eligible for a payment up to the \$15,000 or \$25,000 threshold respectively. The other major condition that must be met is a gross farming income (sales, payments, etc.) of at least \$50,000. If you fit into this situation, you may be eligible for assistance. The program will accept applications until October 31, 2006 for this program year. For more information, phone OPTIONS toll-free line at 1-866-367-8506.

COMMUNITY SERVICES – New Job Opportunities for Income Assistance Recipients

Nova Scotians who receive income assistance now have more options to help them on their journey back to work and to earn some extra money, thanks to a new program from the Department of Community Services.

Harvest Connection is a voluntary program that links income assistance recipients to job opportunities in rural communities during harvest season. Individuals who have received income assistance for six months can earn up to \$3,000 a year, on top of their basic income assistance, by harvesting crops like apples, vegetables and Christmas trees.

“Harvest Connection will benefit farmers and income assistance recipients who are looking for work in their community,” said Community Services Minister Judy Streach. “We’ve heard from farmers and producers and we know there is a serious shortage of seasonal workers to harvest their crops. Harvest Connection will help some of our clients return to work while addressing a pressing need for help to complete the harvest.”

“We are pleased to support rural Nova Scotia and the agriculture industry through this new initiative,” said Brooke Taylor, Minister of Agriculture. “It will provide additional labour options for the farming community throughout the province.”

One of the most significant challenges identified by the agriculture and Christmas tree industries is a shortage of seasonal workers to successfully harvest crops.

“Accessible labour is important to our success and our ability to get our product to market,” said Greg Webster, president of Webster Farms Limited in Cambridge, Kings Co.,

and human resources chair for Horticulture Nova Scotia. “This change should improve the availability of seasonal workers during the critical harvest period.”

“It’s getting tougher every year to attract seasonal labour. Having more local workers available to help us harvest Christmas trees would be great,” said Dwight Herman, vice-president of the Nova Scotia Christmas Tree Council and manager of Kirk Forest Products in Bridgewater.

For more information contact the local Community Services office.



ANNUAL MEETING

November 17 and 18, 2006, at the Best Western Glengarry, Truro, NS

Program includes extension and research reports, promotion update, WBANA report, annual business meeting. An extensive trade show will be available as well.

For more information contact:
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SCOTIA HORTICULTURAL CONGRESS 2007

Monday, January 29 and Tuesday, January 30, 2007

Old Orchard Inn, Wolfville, NS

Theme: “Back to Basics”

Trade Show bookings are now available. For info contact

horts@ns.sympatico.ca

Programs will be available by December.

Lunch and Learn with Sobeys: EXPECTATIONS OF THE RETAILER

Where: Best Western Glengarry, Truro, NS

When: November 16, 2006

Time: Registration at 9:30 a.m., Speakers and Question/Answer Session: 10 a.m. – 12 noon, Networking Lunch at 12 noon

Agenda:

What are up-coming trends and requirements from a national food chain? Come hear: Gerald Weseen (Sobeys Communication Officer) and Craig Harris (Sobeys Produce Procurement Officer). Please note that this session is open to NSIA members and the agriculture community at large.

For more information or if you plan to attend, please contact:

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Nova Scotia 4-H Member Helps Create National 4-H Advertising Campaign

Mary Forsyth, a 17 year old 4-H member from Port Williams, King County, has played a key role in forging a new advertising campaign for 4-H in Canada as a member of the Youth Advertising Team (YAT). Raising awareness of the 4-H youth program and ultimately increasing membership is a key objective of the Canadian 4-H Council's new strategic plan. Comprised of eight 4-H members aged 16 to 21 from across the country, YAT has worked with two of Canada's top agencies – Youthography and AdFarm – as well as other industry experts, to create a new awareness campaign in 2006/2007 for 4-H across Canada.

YAT members met in Toronto in April 2006 to learn all the ins and outs of the exciting world of advertising, before launching head-first into strategy sessions. Led by market research experts at Youthography, the team conducted a thorough analysis of the organization, examining 4-H's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. A second strategy session took place in Calgary in June, hosted by AdFarm, during which YAT developed possible themes and tactics to be employed. The campaign plan was developed over the summer and will be launched this fall.

“4-H has empowered its own members to create a campaign for youth, by youth. We have all been incredibly impressed by the level of keen insight and intelligence our members brought to the project,” said Marie Logan, president of Canadian 4-H Council. “This

initiative is just one of many progressive developments taking place in the 4-H organization as we align ourselves to better serve the needs of Canada's modern and savvy youth.”

Sponsors of the Youth Advertising Team include Bayer CropScience, Sears Canada, and Farm Credit Canada. Youthography and AdFarm have also partnered with 4-H by donating professional services.

Former 4-H Member Returns to Show Ring as Judge

His passion for breeding goats and improving the dairy goat industry has lead a former 4-H member, Adam Scanlan, to become a certified dairy goat judge and return to the show ring in that capacity during the 2006 Nova Scotia 4-H Show in Bridgewater.

Scanlan, 23, is a licensed Canadian Goat Society dairy goat judge and has had his certification since he was 18. An exceptional 4-H member with the County Line 4-H Club in Richmond County, Adam excelled in the foods, poultry, dairy, horse, floriculture, Junior Leader, waterfowl and goat projects. As a 4-H member he received a National 4-H Travel award to the careers

conference in Winnipeg as well as several other provincial awards. In 2003 he worked as a 4-H summer assistant in the Cape Breton Region.

During his 4-H career Adam has had many of his dairy goats do well during competition at the Nova Scotia 4-H Show. In his last 4-H Show competition he won champion showman, champion judge and champion dairy doe.

In December Adam will graduate from the Nova Scotia Agriculture College. He will continue his studies in neurophysiology at the University of Prince Edward Island and the Atlantic Veterinary College in the new year.

Nova Scotia 4-H Member is National Winner of FCC Scholarship

Warning drivers of slow moving farm vehicles was the idea that Janet Maxner, an 18 year old 4-H member from the Avon 4-H Club in Hants County, used to become the national winner of the Farm Credit Canada (FCC) scholarship for post secondary education.

Janet chose this project to help keep farm workers in her home community safe. She realized that the rural roads are used by more people than farmers. Often commuters do not understand the dangers involved when driving into a busy farm area or passing agriculture machinery. Her signs will warn commuters to drive with caution in farming areas and that farm machinery are slow moving vehicles.

Several entries were submitted and seven provincial winners from across Canada were chosen. Entries were

judged on their estimated benefit to the community, creativity, feasibility and plan completeness. The FCC 4-H scholarship program encourages students to submit plans to implement projects that would address farm safety, community improvement or a hunger issue in their communities. Provincial winners receive a \$1,500 scholarship for their efforts. Janet receives an additional \$2,000 scholarship and a budget of up to \$3,000 to implement the plan.

With the money she won, Janet purchased 18 signs. She posted them in both Hants and Kings Counties and gave one to the Nova Scotia Farm Health and Safety Committee. The sign depicts a silhouette of a tractor with a slow moving vehicle sign and a slogan that reads You're Now Entering a Farming Community.

Janet will use the \$3,500 FCC scholarship to study a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science at the Nova Scotia Agriculture College.

Nova Scotia 4-H Members to Compete in Prestigious Livestock Classes at the Royal Winter Fair



Sixteen 4-H members will represent Nova Scotia in two prestigious cattle shows at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto in November. Participants were selected at the Nova Scotia 4-H Show on the basis of the quality of their calf.

Eight 4-H dairy members will participate in the Scotiabank Dairy Classic in November, where they will compete against 4-H members from across Canada. The Nova Scotia participants attending the 4-H dairy show are Patrick Thompson, Elise MacDonald and Daniel MacDonald from Antigonish County; Daniel Angus, Cumberland County; Brendan Lamb, Kings County; Andrea Crowe, Hants County and Bridget Wilson, Inverness County.

Brendan Grant of Antigonish County is the winner of the Versteeg Memorial Award. He will attend the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. This award is presented to a 4-H member based on a 50/50 split for the conformation of the calf and their showmanship ability.

The dedicated work of the Scotiabank Dairy Classic Committee and the Scotiabank Classic Canadian Royal Junior Beef Heifer Show Selections committee results in the 4-H members being able to attend the Royal Winter Fair and compete in the 4-H cattle classes.

The eight members representing Nova Scotia with their beef heifers at the Scotiabank Classic Canadian Royal Junior Beef Heifer Show are Nathan Greenough and Andrea Carter, Cumberland County; Carolyn Van den Heuvel, Antigonish County; Jane Ogilvie, Kenna Rousseau, Andre Horsnell from Kings County; Megan Robertson, Pictou and Rebecca Gilby, Halifax East Hants.

While at the Winter Fair, 4-H members will compete in the 4-H showmanship and conformation cattle classes, participate in a provincial display contest and spend a day enjoying the exhibition.

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Annapolis County Federation Livestock Sales

Livestock sales at the Lawrencetown Exhibition Grounds continue. Miscellaneous items must be registered by 10:45 a.m. Selling begins at 11 a.m. Livestock selling begins at 1 p.m. sharp. The following are the dates for the remainder of the year: Oct. 28, Nov. 11, Nov. 25 and Dec. 9.

Lunenburg Queens County Federation of Agriculture Cattle Sale

A cattle sale will be held at the South Shore Exhibition Grounds on Saturday, October 21 at 12:30 p.m. Dean Manning will be the auctioneer. Contact Peter Morine, Dave Moore, Tom Frail or Wayne Silver to book your cattle.

County Federation of Agriculture Annual General Meetings

Hants County Federation of Agriculture will hold their annual general meeting on Wednesday, October 25 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the O'Brien Building, Windsor.

Kings County Federation of Agriculture will hold their annual general meeting on Wednesday, November 8 at 7 p.m. in the Cornwallis Room, Kentville Agricultural Centre.

Lunenburg Queens Federation of Agriculture will hold their annual general meeting on Thursday, November 9 at the Wandlyn in Bridgewater at 7 p.m.

Kings County Federation of Agriculture Fall Dinner and Dance

Kings County Federation of Agriculture will hold their annual fall dinner and dance on Friday, October 27 from 7-12 p.m. at the Waterville Fire Hall. For further information contact Ella Taylor at (902) 678-4043.

Valley Region 4-H Activities and Announcements



Kings County Joint Achievement Days, Hants County 4-H Exhibition days and Nova Scotia Provincial Show are over for another year. Thank you to all the supporters, volunteers, leaders, parents and members who make these events such great successes!!

Results from the county events:

Kings County

Heidi Daniels Memorial - Outstanding Leadership in the Kings Co. Lt Horse

– Emma Young, Central Valley

Stephanie Curran Memorial -

Outstanding Sportsmanship in the Kings Co. Lt. Horse

– Melissa Lynch, Western Kings

Champion Club Reporter

– Samantha Kenneally, Western

Kings

Champion Community Project - Horton

Contribution Award

– Jane Ogilvie, Harmony

Nicholsville

Top Junior Member

– Kelsey Brydon Western Kings

Most Outstanding Senior Member

– F. Waldo Walsh Award- Meagan

MacBride Eastern Kings

Jean Ann Mitchell Memorial Award

– Rebekah Melvin, Cornwallis

Dairy Member Showing Most

Improvement - Janet MacLean Memorial

– Kelsey Charlton Harmony

Nicholsville

Terrie Spinney Memorial Award

– Billy Ogilvie- Harmony

Nicholsville

Daisy Ward Memorial Award

– Melody Sanford Western Kings

Hants County

Champion Floral Arranging Competition

– Brittany Mailman, Avon

Champion Model

– Jennie Pick, Rawdon 2-Way

Champion Bake Off Competition

– Chantel O'Brien, 3-Cornered

Champion Crafts Competition

– Jessica Clark, Newport

Champion Cake Decorating Competition

– Amy Withrow, Rawdon 2-Way

Champion Woodworking Competition

– Jason Withrow, Rawdon 2-Way

Champion Outdoors Competition

– Devon Lyons, Avon

Champion Photography Competition

– Ashley Clark, Newport

Beef Clipping Competition

– Whitney Morash and Emily Manning,

Burlington Workers

Dairy Clipping Competition

– Connie McLellan and Luke

McLellan, Cobequid

Sheep Clipping Competition

– Whitney Morash and Emily Manning,

Burlington Workers

Tractor Driving Competition

– Derek Adema, Cody Rondhuis and

Justin Clark, Newport

Upcoming Valley Region 4-H Events

Kings County 4-H Council Meeting,
November 6 , 7:30 p.m.,
Kentville Agricultural Centre

Hants County 4-H Leaders Council Meeting, November 15, 7 p.m.,
West Hants Middle School,
Brooklyn



KINGS INNOVATION COUNCIL

Invites you to attend an extra special event!

DATE: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2006

TIME: 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM

PLACE: FESTIVAL THEATRE, ACADIA UNIVERSITY, WOLFFVILLE

Innovation 101

Kings Innovation Council concluded that lack of engagement of individuals is a root cause for lack of productivity and limited innovation. Council determined that a starting point would be an event with a keynote speaker who provides foundation ideas to mobilize Kings County residents into a community of inspired individuals. The challenge we are embarking upon is to create a sustainable system that will create an entrepreneurial culture and drive innovation.

This event is called “Innovation 101.”

We are pleased to announce the guest speaker is Dr. Lance Secretan (www.secretan.com). He is one of the world’s foremost leadership experts and a well known pioneer in innovative methods of inspiring people and organizations. Innovation 101 will be the starting point, however, a number of support mechanisms are being developed by Kings Innovation Council to continue momentum after November.

CONTACT: MARIANNE GATES

Phone: 678-0393 or Email: marianne@kingsced.ns.ca



REGISTRATION FOR INNOVATION 101 IS \$60 PER PERSON

**Includes: session, continental breakfast, lunch
and a copy of “One” by Dr. Lance Secretan**

COMPANY: _____

PARTICIPANT: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Please include cheque and drop off or mail to:

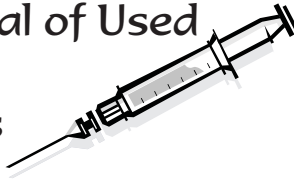
Kings CED Agency (Fax: 902-678-2324), 35 Webster Street, Kentville, NS B4N 1H4



Project Funding Partners:



Disposal of Used Farm Sharps



Department of Agriculture offices in Sydney and Mabou still have a supply of sharps containers available at no cost for producers. Remember, sharps must not be discarded in regular household garbage. Sharps should be collected on farms in rigid, puncture resistant containers with tightly secured lids. Drop in to pick up your containers during regular office hours (8:30 am - 4:30 pm) or call (902) 563-2000.

Hay for Sale?

The Cape Breton office is putting together a contact list of individuals who have or will have hay for sale this 2006-07 season. Each year the regional offices receive numerous calls from livestock owners who are looking to purchase hay and other feeds. If you would like to have your name added to the contact list call our office 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 a month. For more information on first aid training near you call their main office in Sydney at (902) 564-4189.

Attention: Recycling Used Pesticide Containers

Here's What to Do:

Allow the formulation to drain from the container into the spray tank for at least 30 seconds.

Add water to the container (at least 20 per cent of the container capacity), replace lid, and rotate so that the interior of the container is rinsed.

Empty the rinse water into the spray tank and drain for 30 seconds.

Repeat the above procedure twice more.

Render containers unuseable by puncturing the bottom.

Leave the 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.

Inverness-Victoria Federation of Agriculture

The annual meeting of the Inverness-Victoria Federation of Agriculture is scheduled for Wednesday, November 8, 2006 at the Skye Glen Hall from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Reports from Directors, NSFA and provincial staff. Show support for your local federation and find out what's new in the agriculture industry in your area. Watch for the meeting notice to arrive in your mailbox soon. For more information contact Anne VandenHeuvel at (902) 945-2039.

Forage Sessions for Beef and Sheep Producers

AgraPoint is putting on a series of sessions to help producers recognize the quality of their forage, explore ways to deal with the impacts of forage quality and brainstorm ways to improve the forage quality for next year. (See details in main newsletter) November 7 at the Mabou Fire Hall.

Provincial Success for Cape Breton Region 4-H!



Cape Breton region's four counties had the opportunity to represent our region this year at the Provincial Show in Bridgewater on September 29 - October 1. The Cape Breton region showed their spirit and skill in both livestock and non-livestock events. Pro- show results for the region were as follows:

Cape Breton Region: Pro- Show Winner Results

Res. Champ. Dairy Judge	Nicole Van Zutphen (Inverness)
Champion Dog Judge	Natasha MacDonald (Cape Breton)
Res. Champ. Crafts Judge	Melissa Nicholson (Victoria)
Res. Champ. Outdoors Judge	Jason Lewis (Cape Breton)
Res. Champ. Computer Judge	Sarah Ernst (Cape Breton)
Champ. Jr Sewing Article	Paige MacInnis (Cape Breton)
Res. Champ. Sr. Sewing Article	Kelsey MacNeil (Cape Breton)
Champ. Sr. Foods Article	Amanda Lowe (Inverness)
Res. Champ. Sr. Foods Article	Amanda Lowe (Inverness)
Res. Champ. Jr. Craft Article	Allison Campbell (Cape Breton)
Res. Champ. Sr. Outdoors Article	Jason Lewis (Cape Breton)
Champ. Sr. Small Engines Article	Devon Doyle (Cape Breton)
Res. Champ. Jr Garden Article	Iain Gillies (Inverness)
Champ. Jr. Photography Article	Kathryn Ryan (Inverness)
Res. Champ. Sr Fisheries Article	Matthew Rankin (Inverness)
Champ. Jr. Computer Article	Rob Hyde (Cape Breton)
Champ. Sr. Computer Article	Sarah Ernst (Cape Breton)
Res. Champion Holstein Calf	Bridget Wilson (Inverness)
Res. Champion Dairy Calf	Bridget Wilson (Inverness)
Res. Champ. Western Equitation	Anne Van Zutphen (Inverness)
Champ. Western Pleasure	Anne Van Zutphen (Inverness)
Res. Champ. Western Poles	Morgan Phillips (Cape Breton)
Champ. Western Trail	Anne Van Zutphen (Inverness)
Veg. Prep. Jr. Competition	Halley Wilson (Inverness)
Bake Off Jr. Competition	Robyn Wilson (Inverness)
Craft Jr. Competition	Kirsten Baptise (Cape Breton)
Wool Jr. Res. Competition	Kathryn Ryan (Inverness)
Recycle Jr. Res. Competition	Katie Mac Eachern (Richmond)
Recycle Sr Champ. Competition	Erin Sutherland (Inverness)
Tractor Driving Competition (3rd)	Nathan Macleod, Natasha MacDonald and Sarah Ernst (Cape Breton)

Non Livestock County Display	1st place -Inverness 2nd place - Victoria 3rd place - Cape Breton
Livestock County Display	3rd place- Inverness

Wonderful representation of the Island's 4-H program. Well done everyone!

As the 4-H season winds down, we would like to recognize the efforts of our 4-H leaders, members, parents and friends of 4-H . On behalf of myself and Rhonda, we would like to thank everyone for your energy and dedication this year. Your efforts are obvious in the quality of the members that our region is showcasing locally and at a provincial level.

Fall Craft Co-op Workshop

4-H members will have the opportunity to participate in the Bi-Annual Craft Co-op Workshop to be held on November 4 at the Point Edward Women's Institute Building. Registration deadline is October 18. With spaces filling up quickly, members, leaders and friends of 4-H are encourage to register early. Workshops offered include twig craft, card making, tole painting and glass etching. Craft items made at this event can be used to count towards their project completion.

Dates to Keep in mind:

Inverness Co. Mtg. – October 18, 7 p.m., Mabou office
Inverness Banquet /Church/ Sign Up – October 22 at 10 a.m., St. Mary's Church
C.B. Fall Craft Co-op Workshop – Deadline for applications, October 18
Victoria Co. Council Mtg. – October 30, 7:30 p.m. at Peterson's
Cape Breton Co. Mtg. – Nov.7, 7:30 p.m. at Civic Centre
Craft Co-op Workshop – November 4, 9 a.m. – 3: p.m.
November – National 4-H Month
Victoria County Sign Up Day – November 6
Cape Breton Annual Meeting and Banquet – November 19 (Grand Mira)
N.S. 4-H Council Annual Mtg. – November 17–18 (Truro)
Leaders Travel Award – Deadline: December 15 – Truro 4-H office
National Members Awards – Deadline: November 1

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the 4-H office in Sydney at (902) 563-2000 (phone); (902) 563-3435 (fax); or Mabou at (902) 945-2901 (phone); (902) 945-2858 (fax).

Forage Sessions for Beef and Sheep Producers

AgraPoint is putting on a series of sessions to help producers recognize the quality of their forage, explore ways to deal with the impacts of forage quality and brainstorm ways to improve the forage quality for next year (See details in main newsletter). November 7, Mabou Fire Hall; November 8 in West River (to be determined).

Lunch and Learn with Sobeys

The Nova Scotia Institute of Agrologists invite farmers, packers, processors, consumers, service providers and all other members of the value chain to attend a LUNCH and LEARN WITH SOBEYS: Expectations in the Value Chain Thursday, November 16th, 2006 at the Best Western Glengarry, Truro, NS (see details in the main newsletter). Plan to attend.

Farm Succession Planning by CIBC Wood Gundy

Topics covered will be:

- Tax Considerations
- Estate Planning
- Business Structure
- Investment Planning

The presentation will be followed by a question and answer session.

Date:	October 11, 2006	October 18, 2006
Time:	11 a.m. to 2 p.m.	11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Location:	Port Hawkesbury	Truro

Lunch will be served. Please RSVP by calling (902) 893-0300.

Upcoming 4-H Events

Antigonish County

October 22

Antigonish Co. Awards Program,
St. Andrews Community Centre,
2:00 p.m.

November 17-18

NS 4-H Council Meeting, Truro

November 21

Annual Meeting, 7 p.m.

November – National 4-H Month

Pictou County

November 9

Pictou Celebration of 4-H Night,
Dr. W.A. MacLeod School,
7 p.m.

November 15

Annual Meeting and Review of
Provincial 4-H Council
Resolutions, Northumberland
School 7 p.m.

November 19

Pictou County 4-H Church
Service

November 30

County 4-H Council set dates for
2007 and County Council
Executive Meeting, Pictou
Library, 7 p.m.

November – National 4-H Month

Programs Available

Cropping Program

Federal Cover Crop Protection Program provides financial assistance to agricultural producers who were unable to seed commercial crops as a result of flooding in the spring of 2005 or 2006. The program will provide a per acre payment (\$15/acre in Nova Scotia) on claims of at least 10 acres regardless of whether they carried production insurance. The deadline to apply for this program is October 31, 2006.

For more detailed information and applications, please contact Agriculture and AgriFood Canada at 1-800-667-8567.

Biofuels Opportunity for Producers Initiative

Agri-Futures Nova Scotia will be delivering this program which is designed to help farmers and rural communities participate in and benefit from increased Canadian biofuels production. For details and applications, contact Agri-Futures Nova Scotia at www.agri-futures.ns.ca or call (902) 925-2454.

Considering Export

ACOA offers a suite of export mentoring options tailored to the specific needs of Nova Scotia companies and the various positions on their export learning curve. Some of these include: Export Readiness Assessment, Export Marketing Plan Mentoring, Export, and After Care Mentoring and Followup. These services are available to any firm operating in Nova Scotia. For more information, contact ACOA at 1-800-565-1228 or info.export@acoa-apeca.gc.ca

Nova Scotia Business Inc. (NSBI) also offers services to potential

exporters, including a program called Export Prospector. To find out more about this or other services available through NSBI, contact Debbie MacIsaac at Nova Scotia Business Inc., (902) 424-4242 or e-mail trade@gov.ns.ca

Mark Your Calendars

Water Management Symposium

The NSAC Class of 1956, with the support of Agriculture and Agrifood Canada and the NS Federation of Agriculture, will be hosting a Water Policy Symposium on November 8, 2006 at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College in Truro. The symposium will be open to the public and will feature keynote speakers from the Maritimes and elsewhere in Canada. More details are included in the main newsletter.

Municipal Planning Workshop

“Is there room for farms in our communities”

This workshop is designed to encourage dialogue among farmers, local politicians, planners and planning advisory board members. It will take place at the Old Orchard Inn, Greenwich, Kings County on November 22, 2006 from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Some of the topics include: Pros and Cons of Land Use Planning, Our Changing Communities, Our Changing Farms, the Regulatory Toolbox, Planning 101 and the Future of Farming.

There is no cost to attend this workshop but registration is required to guarantee your lunch. To register, contact the NS Federation of Agriculture at (902) 893-2293.

Jersey Atlantic Barn Meeting

Jersey Atlantic will hold a Barn Meeting on October 27, 2006 from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. at the farm of Eric Thompson, Oxford. A classifier demo with Tom Byers, Senior Classifier with Holstein Canada will take place. Jersey Canada's President, Andrew Vander Muelin, will attend.

Congratulations to Gwen Dillman of Musquodoboit who was the grand prize winner of the Jersey Atlantic draw for three embryos donated by Avonlea Genetics of Ontario.

Atlantic Agricultural Hall of Fame

Congratulations to the latest Nova Scotian to be nominated for induction to the Atlantic Agricultural Hall of Fame. Mr. Jack Johnson of Lower Truro will join Robert Acton of New Brunswick, Walter Fiander of Newfoundland, and the late Colburne Clow of Prince Edward Island as the 2006 inductees to the Hall of Fame during a ceremony at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College.

Jack has had a long association with agriculture in Nova Scotia. He played a key role in the development of the crop and livestock industry in the province and nationally. While working for the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and Marketing, he also operated the family farm in Onslow for 30 years.

He joins the following inductees from this region including: Edward Lorraine, Douglas Bragg, Donald Cox, Gordon Kinsman, Stuart Allaby, Douglas Curtis, Water Grant, Anthony Banks, Howard Roper, Charles Douglas, William Murray, Claude Thompson, Joseph Landry, Samuel Dickie, and Helen MacDougall.

I have returned to work from my extended sick leave and look forward to serving the department's clients in the Western Region. My contact information remains the same:

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Harvest Connection

Harvest Connection is a voluntary program that links income assistance recipients to job opportunities in rural communities during harvest season. Individuals who have received income assistance for six months can earn up to \$3,000 a year, on top of their basic income assistance, by harvesting crops like apples, vegetables and Christmas trees.

To obtain more information, contact your local Community Services office and ask how the Harvest Connection program can help you with your harvest season.
<http://www.gov.ns.ca/coms/contactus/offices.html>
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Upcoming Events

Agriculture land use issues and protection of Nova Scotia's agricultural land base from conversion to non-renewable uses or restricted agricultural activity has become a "heated" topic across the province, whether among the farm community or between the farm community and other interest groups, such as local authorities and their planning advisory committees. Join in a discussion with farmers, planners and community leaders at Old Orchard Inn, Greenwich on November 22, 2006 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information or to register, contact the NSFA at (902) 893-2293 or email nsfa@eastlink.ca
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