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Greetings from the Minister of Agriculture



This is a busy and exciting time for me and every member of Nova Scotia's new government team. We are honoured by the confidence that Nova Scotians have

expressed in us, and are eagerly working to fulfil the promises we have made. We have new, fresh ideas on how to make our province an even better place to live, work, do business and raise a family. We want to support Nova Scotia families, create more jobs and fuel economic growth, and continue to build pride in this province.

Along with my staff in the Department of Agriculture, I will be actively working with producers across the province and with the federal government to deal with issues and explore opportunities within Nova Scotia's vital agriculture industry.

Our government's priorities are to ensure that agriculture in this province contributes to long-term prosperity and growth, and to make sure that this growth is used to secure a bright future for all Nova Scotians.

On behalf of the new Government of Nova Scotia, have a safe and wonderful summer.

Yours truly,
John MacDonell
Minister of Agriculture

John MacDonell, Minister of Agriculture

On March 24, 1998, voters in Hants East first elected John MacDonell to the Legislature. He was re-elected in 1999, 2003, 2006 and again in 2009. In June 2009, he was sworn in as Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Natural Resources.

John was raised in Enfield, Hants County on the farm that has been in the family since 1877. He was educated at Acadia University where he earned his B.Sc., and at St. Mary's University where he earned his B.Ed.

John taught science at Hants East Rural High School for 15 years. In

addition to teaching, John and his family operate the MacDonell family farm, keeping a small flock of sheep, a team of Canadian horse, numerous waterfowl and Giant Canadian Geese.

He is a member of the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture and other livestock associations. John was the first president of the first Hants East NDP riding association and has been involved in the New Democratic Party for about 14 years. He is married to Leslie Mackie and they have four children, Edward, Lydia, Hillary and Kelton.

Government Invests in Nova Scotia Agriculture Industry

Innovation Fund

The Innovation Fund is a new program that supports and promotes a market-oriented, consumer-driven agriculture industry by investing in initiatives that will improve the competitiveness and profitability of Nova Scotia's agriculture, agri-food and agri-based product sector. The objectives of the Fund for 2009-2010 are to:

- support the development and adaptation of new and leading agricultural technologies;
- improve on-farm and post-farm profitability and competitiveness;
- accelerate the pace of innovation, and advance the commercialization and adoption of agri-based technologies, products and processes; and
- increase industry's ability to anticipate, identify, develop and capture new market opportunities.

Three categories are available under the Innovation Fund as part of the Canada-Nova Scotia Bilateral Agreement under Growing Forward, the new policy framework for agriculture.

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The agreement is cost-shared 60:40 between the federal and provincial governments. Under the Growing Forward bilateral agreement, the federal government will contribute \$14.74 million over the next five years toward non-business risk management programming in the Province of Nova Scotia.

The Innovation Fund Category A: Technology Development 2000 supports technological research opportunities identified by the agriculture and agri-food industry. In addition, this category aims to increase industry's awareness of the value of research and encourage industry's participation in support of research.

The Innovation Fund Category B: Innovation and Commercialization of New Opportunities for Agri-Based Products supports unique, emerging opportunities that are innovative, timely, have a strong potential for commercialization and that will be of substantial benefit to Nova Scotia's agriculture, agri-food or agri-based products sector.

This category provides support to advance a technology that is approaching market readiness, as well as for pre-research activities to investigate and develop potential new innovations (e.g., products, processing, etc.), markets, and business opportunities.

Through the Innovation Fund Category C: Supporting the Innovation Capacity of Farmers, funding is available to assist farmers, groups of farmers and commodity associations to support investments in the development or adaptation of technical innovations in primary agriculture, which contribute to on-farm profitability and competitiveness. Critical to the effectiveness of this category will be the dissemination of knowledge gained through these projects. Under this initiative, emphasis will be placed on smaller scale projects not funded through existing programming.

Through the partnership with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and the funding for programming under Growing Forward, the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture is positioned to provide assistance in support of a profitable and competitive agriculture industry. Program guidelines and application forms are available from NSDA's Programs and Business Risk Management web site at www.gov.ns.ca/agri/prm/programs/innovation.shtml

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Laurence Nason – Executive Assistant for Minister of Agriculture

Laurence Nason is Agriculture Minister John MacDonell's new Executive Assistant. Laurence is likely familiar to many in Nova Scotia's agriculture industry, particularly in his role as Chief Executive Officer of the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture, where he was employed from 1995 to 2009. For many years, Laurence owned and operated a successful Nova Scotia farming operation in Upper Stewiacke, called Pembroke Farms.

Laurence has an extensive background and broad qualifications, having experience in both the agriculture and forestry sectors, as well as having participated at the local government level on municipal council and the school board. He also served in different capacities on a number of boards and committees.

We are pleased to welcome Laurence to the Department of Agriculture.

AgriStability and AgriInvest Update

AgriStability 2010 Enrolment

Producers who did not participate in 2009 AgriStability and wish to participate in 2010 must request a New Participant package before April 30, 2010. To request an AgriStability New Participant Package or for more information, visit the AgriStability website at www.agr.gc.ca/AgriStability or call AgriStability toll free at 1-866-367-8506.

AgriStability 2009 Interim Applications Are Available

The Interim Application is available for producers who would like to apply for an advance for the 2009 program year. As a program participant, you cannot receive your full 2009 AgriStability payment until your 2009 program year is complete. By using the Interim Application, you can estimate your 2009 income and expenses and receive a portion of this payment early. The deadline to apply for the interim is March 31, 2010. To request an interim package, please contact AgriStability at 1-866-367-8506 or visit the website at www.agr.gc.ca/AgriStability.

AgriInvest and AgriStability Deadline Reminder for 2008

September 30, 2009 is the deadline to submit AgriInvest and/or AgriStability application(s) for the 2008 program year. Forms and guides are available from the Canada Revenue Agency or on the AgriStability and AgriInvest web sites at: www.agr.gc.ca/AgriStability or www.agr.gc.ca/AgriInvest.

For more information on any of the above programs, contact Steven Tattrie, Programs and Business Risk Management (NSDA) at (902) 893-6374 or toll free 1-866-844-4276.

Programs Update

The Farm Investment Fund (FIF) is still accepting applications, with over 475 received to date. There is still time to apply for projects that you wish to undertake this fall. You are encouraged to claim projects as they are completed, which may help you manage cash flow for multiple approved projects. There is no limit to the amount of claims you may submit.

The Agri-Food Industry Development Fund (AFIDF) program is currently open, with 80 applications to date. These include applications to the Strategic Infrastructure Investment Fund (SIIF) and the Direct Marketing Community Development Trust (DMCDT) categories. The deadline for these two categories has passed and applications will be reviewed by the committee in late summer. Applications are still being accepted for AFIDF program, categories A through E.

Orchard and Vineyard Transition Program (OVTP)

Applications are being accepted for the 2009-10 program year. Currently, funding for the OVTP program is fully committed. However, applications are being held in sequence based on the date they were received. Letters of Agreement (LOA) for orchard/vine removal will be awarded as funding becomes available. For the 2009-10 program year, an application must be received and an onsite preinspection must be conducted before work begins.

For project work approved for the 2008-09 program year, please note the deadline to claim your orchard/vine removal project may be approaching. The claim must be received by the Programs and Business Risk Management (PBRM) office by the date indicated in condition 11 of your Letter of Agreement (LOA). The date stated in your LOA is one year from the date of your first pre-inspection.

Once the plant material (including stumps and roots) has been removed from the site and destroyed, a claim can be submitted and post-inspection will follow. A producer can claim individual blocks as they are completed. Multiple claims are convenient and aid in cash flow.

The guidelines and application forms for the Farm Investment Fund, Agri-Food Industry Development Fund, and the Orchard and Vineyard Transition program may be accessed at the following website:

www.gov.ns.ca/agri/prm.

Questions? Contact Programs & Business Risk Management (PBRM) office at (902) 893-6510 or toll free 1-866-844-4276.

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Production Insurance

Application Deadlines

Winter Grain - August 31
Blueberries - November 30
Strawberries - November 14
Forage Establishment - October 15
Tree Fruit - November 30

The application deadline is fast approaching for Winter Grain - August 31!

The deadline for planting is September 30 in Annapolis, Kings and Hants West counties, and September 20, for all other areas.

The deadline to apply for Forage Establishment is October 31. Fields of legumes and legumegrass mixes seeded by July 1, as well as grass seeded by September 1 are eligible for coverage.

Cancelling Crop Insurance

Most Crop Insurance contracts are continuous. This means they do not terminate at the end of the cropping season (unless a producer requests cancellation in writing by the deadline date).

The benefit of this approach is that you as a client do not risk the chance of not being able to insure your crop for the entire cropping season if for some reason you do not make an application by the required date. At the same time, if you do not cancel by the cancellation deadline, you will be expected to insure your crop during the current crop year.

Please note the following deadlines:

Cancellation Deadlines

Blueberry - November 30
Tree Insurance - November 14
Winter Grain - September 15
Tree Fruit - November 30
Strawberry - September 15

For further information on these or any of our other insurance plans, please call Kentville (902) 679-6028/6015 or Truro 1-800-565-637.

Restricted Licenses

Farm Tractor/Trailers Over 14,000 kg Class 3F/Condition 23

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has expanded the restriction to include all farm tractors/trailer combination over 14,000 kg. The farmer can also fax the form directly to the DMV.

The process is:

- 1) Applicant obtains the application form from the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture or the Department of Motor Vehicles.
- 2) The applicant completes the form and/or has their employer sign the certification.
- 3) The signed application is faxed to (902) 424-0772 for approval.
- 4) Once approved, as indicated by an RMV (Registrar of Motor Vehicles) signature in Section 5 of the form, a Condition 23 is added to the client's record: "Valid for farm tractor and trailer combinations over 14000 kg, including trailers over 4500 kg, and class 5 vehicles. Not valid for truck and trailer or truck/tractor/trailer combinations over 14000 kg.
- 5) The signed approval is then faxed or mailed back to the applicant (mailed if no return fax number is supplied) along with the condition sheet.

- 6) The applicant takes the approved application, condition sheet and a completed medical report to their nearest DMV office, and pays \$21.09 to upgrade to a class 3 license.

If you have any questions/concerns please contact your nearest DMV office or the NS Federation of Agriculture.

A farmer or employee must carry the condition letter with them at all times in order to operate legally.

This process will be effective until September 1, 2009.

All Atlantic Jersey Show

Jersey Atlantic is putting on an "All Atlantic Jersey show" in conjunction with the All Atlantic Dairy Classic in Truro. The jersey show will be held on October 16th starting at 10:00 a.m.

The judge will be Mr. Dean Sayles of Spruce Avenue Jerseys of Paris Ontario. Mr. Sayles is also the president of Jersey Canada. For further information people may contact the show chairman Reg Dillman at (902) 384-2369 or email at dillycows1@hotmail.com or Dave Cole at (902) 384-2403 or email dhcole@northnovacable.ca

Valley Sunset Gives Strawberry Lovers More to Cheer About

A new strawberry variety released by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada will extend the strawberry picking season and give fans more to sink their teeth into. Valley Sunset is the latest strawberry variety from Dr. Andrew Jamieson, a fruit breeder at the Atlantic Food and Horticulture Research Centre in Kentville, Nova Scotia. Valley Sunset is a sweet, late-season berry the size of a medium egg. It grows until the third and fourth weeks of July, depending on the weather and the region. It gives growers at least another week of fresh berries in a marketplace that generates \$10 million annually for growers in

Atlantic Canada, and \$60 million for growers across the country. Valley Sunset also ripens at a time when other varieties of berries in the field are getting smaller as their season draws to a close.

- Agriculture and Agri-food Canada conducts strawberry research at three research centres: Kentville, N.S.; Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Que.; and Agassiz, B.C. Strawberry varieties developed at these three centres account for over 80 per cent of the strawberries grown in Canada.

- It takes about eight years to develop a new strawberry variety. Dr. Jamieson and his team have developed 8 strawberry varieties since 1983.
- Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada keeps over 1,500 distinct genetic types of strawberries at its Canadian Clonal Genebank in Harrow, Ontario.

For more information, contact Dr. Andrew Jamieson, Atlantic Food and Horticulture Research Centre, Kentville, Nova Scotia (902) 679-5705.

Work Towards Implementation of Competitive Transition is Underway

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Dr. Paul LaFleche, struck a cooperative working group of the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture (NSDA) and the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture (NSFA) in April 2009. This committee, known as the Competitive Transition Analysis Group (CTAG), is composed of Gerald Post, Director of Innovation and Competitive Transition, Jill Rogers, Senior Program Analyst of NSDA, Henry Vissers, Executive Director and Beth Densmore, 1st Vice President of NSFA.

CTAG's mandate is to review, identify and categorize the programs and services offered by NSDA and other government departments and agencies in support of the three economic principles of Competitive Transition: (i) transitional support, (ii) strategic public investment, and (iii) public goods and services. The committee will assess needs and identify gaps in programs and

services, as well as develop recommendations for the alignment of current and future NSDA programs and services.

Throughout the summer, CTAG has been holding consultative workshops across the province with industry stakeholders to assess industry needs and identify gaps in programs and services. Workshop participants were asked to identify what barriers need to be removed to enable competitiveness in the agriculture/agri-food sector, what resources are needed by the agriculture/agri-food sector to compete in the market both now and in the future, and what the greatest opportunities are in agriculture, agri-food and agribased products.

Workshops have been held for various commodities, county federations of agriculture, farmers, agri-businesses, farmers' markets, staff of the Nova Scotia Agricultural College and AgraPoint. Consultative workshops with industry and broader

stakeholders such as other government departments and agencies will be held until mid-October.

The committee will report to both the NSDA and NSFA Executive and provide the NSFA membership with an update on the progress of the committee's activities at the NSFA Council of Leaders meeting in September 2009 and the NSFA's annual general meeting in November 2009. Feedback on draft recommendations for the realignment of government resources, programs and services will be solicited prior to the presentation of the final recommendations to the NSFA and NSDA Executives.

Those interested in participating in a workshop or submitting written suggestions on enabling competitiveness in the agriculture/agri-food industries can contact Gerald Post at postga@gov.ns.ca

Open Farm Day in Nova Scotia

The Nova Scotia Agricultural Awareness Committee is pleased to announce the eighth annual Open Farm Day in Nova Scotia on Sept 20, 2009.

Open Farm Day is an Atlantic wide event which has grown since its beginning in 2001. In Nova Scotia, 52 farms are on board this year, the most of any of the Atlantic provinces. Public attendance at the event continues to grow.

The variety of farms participating in the program is what gives Open Farm Day its broad appeal. The public can choose the type of farm they want to learn about farm livestock and horticulture, conventional and organic, traditional and non-traditional!

This year the public will have a chance to win a prize package filled with items meant to remind them to look for Nova Scotia products in the stores.

We are always looking for more farms to participate. Why do it? It provides an opportunity to do your part in supporting the ground swell of buy local interest from the public. It opens your farm gate to your community and beyond and helps build support for agriculture in Nova Scotia. Farmers tell us that, although it takes some extra work in preparation, it turns out to be a very rewarding day for all.

To check out the list of participating farms, go to Agricultural Awareness Website www.gov.ns.ca/agri/agaware and follow the link to Open Farm Day.

Watch for media coverage on ATVs Live at Five and in the Chronicle Herald on Friday, Sept. 18.

We would like to thank the event sponsors - Sobeys, Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada and the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture, and especially the farmers and their families who are so generous with their time and energy for this event.



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George MacNeil Scholarship Established for Nova Scotia 4-H Members

This past spring, the Nova Scotia 4-H community mourned the loss of a beloved 4-H leader. George MacNeil died tragically as a result of a motor vehicle accident on June 19th.

George began his 4-H career as a member, and when he turned 21, he continued his involvement as a 4-H leader. As a 4-H leader, he taught projects, served as president of the Cape Breton County 4-H Leaders Council and the Nova Scotia 4-H Leaders Council. He chaired Provincial Show Committees, attended the National Volunteers Leaders Conference, participated in Canadian 4-H Council meetings, and traveled to the Czech Republic as part of a Nova Scotia 4-H delegation. His involvement in 4-H encompassed all facets - much like his involvement in the community. He was a dedicated volunteer to the local and provincial federations of agriculture, the fire department, Kinsman Club and more. He was Manager of the Cape Breton Exhibition for 15 years and was an exhibitor there for 60 years. His undertakings were many, but it will be his enthusiasm, dedication and genuine interest in the people he met that he will be remembered for.

George will be remembered as the kind of man who entered a room not knowing people, but never left without meeting them. He was the kind of man who took the time to talk, to listen, to lend a hand, and to make someone's day special. He always had

a smile, a hug, a song, and of course, a joke.

To honour his legacy, the George MacNeil Memorial Scholarship has been established for a Nova Scotia 4-H member to further their post secondary education. A scholarship committee has been established to raise enough money in the next five years to activate the scholarship. In an effort to achieve their goal, the George 500 Club was established where an individual or business can make a substantive contribution to the scholarship fund and is able to contribute up to five years in which to honor a \$500 pledge. All donations, are welcome and they are tax deductible. **Donations can be made to the "George MacNeil 4-H Scholarship Fund", c/o Barb MacKinnon, Steel Centre Credit Union Ltd, located at 340 Prince Street, Sydney, Nova Scotia B1P 5K9**

Besides the scholarship, George's legacy will continue through the hundreds of young people whose lives he touched during his years as a 4-H leader. He inspired them to think positive, to have fun, and to do their best. He provided them with skill; but more importantly he allowed them to witness, through his own efforts, what one man can do to make a difference. He lived his life, day in and out by the 4-H pledge. Using his head, heart, hands and health, George instilled a sense of community, loyalty, and service to others. More importantly, he encouraged and inspired each of us to do the same.

Bridgewater to Host 32nd Annual Nova Scotia 4-H Show

At this time of year 4-H members are busy attending exhibitions with their 4-H projects and making preparations for the 32nd Nova Scotia 4-H Show, October 2 - 4, 2009. Hosted this year at the South Shore Exhibition Grounds in Bridgewater, this annual event is an excellent opportunity for 4-H families and the public to view the many talents of 4-H members across the province.

Nova Scotia has the largest 4-H Show in Canada. All the exhibitors are 4-H members from 9 -21 years of age. Each year a county or region hosts the 4-H Show. This year the Lunenburg County 4-H Council has the responsibility of making site arrangements, providing security, fund raising and promotion.

"This show has grown into a showcase of over 40 different livestock and life skills projects, such as crafts, dog obedience, outdoors, goat, heritage, dairy and beef calf. Every young person that joins 4-H can find something he or she is interested in and enjoys doing," said Arthur Pick, Acting Manager, 4-H and Rural Organizations. "4-H is really a step to the future for many young people."

The Nova Scotia 4-H Show is open to the public and admission is free. Competitions begin Friday, October 2 and end on Sunday, October 4.

Young Speakers For Agriculture Competition

4-H members who are interested in challenging their public speaking abilities and want to discuss their enthusiasm for the agriculture industry are encouraged to enter the Nova Scotia Young Speakers for Agriculture Competition. All senior 4-H members and 4-H Alumni, who are 16 - 24 years of age as of the competition date, can enter this competition on Friday, October 2, 2009, at 7 p.m. during the Nova Scotia 4-H Show at the South Shore Exhibition Grounds in Bridgewater.

The Nova Scotia 4-H member that wins the provincial contest will be sponsored by the Nova Scotia 4-H Council to participate in the Canadian Young Speakers of Agriculture National Senior Public Speaking Competition at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto, Ontario on Saturday, November 8, 2009.

The rules are the same as those for the Royal competition. Each contestant will give a five to seven minute prepared speech on a selected topic, as well as introduce and thank another speaker. Contestants may choose to use a flip chart or, appropriate posters to illustrate their talk. Slides, films, videos or overhead projectors will not be allowed. A complete set of rules, as well as the scoresheet, will be sent to all applicants prior to the Nova Scotia competition.

The competitors have five agriculturally related topics from which they can choose to speak:

1. Behind the scenes: The unsung heroes of Canadian agriculture.

2. Changes I would make as the federal Minister of Agriculture for a day.
3. How Canadian agriculture is being affected by the global economic downturn.
4. Why I want to make my career in agriculture.
5. Farming the future: Taking agriculture into the 21st century.

4-H members are taught public speaking skills during the year, along with their project work and each spring 4-H clubs, counties and regions hold communications competitions. Many young people often identify the communications training and the confidence that it has given them as their most memorable experience in 4-H.

For more information please contact the nearest 4-H office or check out the website www.cysa-joca.ca.

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Annapolis County Federation Livestock Sales

Cattle sales at the Lawrencetown Exhibition Grounds will be starting in September. The dates for sales for the remainder of the year are: Sept. 12 and 26, Oct. 10 and 24, Nov. 7 and 21. Selling of miscellaneous items will begin at 11 a.m. Selling of livestock begins at 1 p.m.

Local Community Fairs and Exhibitions

Don't forget about the local community fairs and exhibitions being held in our region:

New Ross Community Fair - August 21-22

Dalhousie Community Fair - August 29

Western Kings Fair, Tremont - September 5

Hants Co. Exhibition, Windsor - September 18-20 and September 25-27

Queens Co. Exhibition, Caledonia - Sept. 15-19

NS 4-H Show, Bridgewater - October 2-4

Hants County Exhibition 4-H Days, Hants County Exhibition Grounds

September 18 -
September 19

Hants County Exhibition preparation is well underway. All life skills articles will be judged Thursday and will be on display all week. The evening of Friday, September 18 the dog and draft horse classes will be held. On Saturday, September 19, beef, dairy, goat, light horse, waterfowl and poultry classes will be taking place along with a variety of competitions. On Sunday, September 20, sheep, light horse and the Grand Champion Livestock Showmanship class will be happening. Different competitions, including the bake-off, vegetable preparation, woodworking, floral arranging, outdoorsman, photography, cake decorating, fashion show beef, dairy and sheep clipping, will be happening throughout the weekend.

Provincial Show

October 2 - October 4

The 4-H Provincial Show is a great event to attend and to see what 4-H is all about. It will be taking place October 2 - October 4, at the South Shore Exhibition Grounds in Bridgewater. The show displays the top projects, articles, and livestock from each county in Nova Scotia. Some of the highlights of the weekend

include tug-of-war, a fashion show, market lamb, market steer and market turkey auctions, the Grand Champion Showmanship Class and the Parade of Champions.

Interested In Joining 4-H?

As the summer comes to a close, the end of another 4-H year draws near. For people interested in joining 4-H this year, now is the time to get ready. With the variety of projects offered in 4-H there is definitely something for everyone! If anyone is interested in finding out more about the 4-H program, give the 4-H office a call at (902) 679-6027 and they will be more than happy to give some helpful information.

Valley Region 4-H Activities

Date	Event	Location
August 23	Valley Region Senior Tour	
August 25	Kings County Provincial Show Meeting, 7 p.m.	Kentville Agricultural Centre
August 31	Kings County Joint Achievement Day Wrap Up 6:30 p.m.	Kentville Agricultural Centre
August 31	Kings County Council Meeting for September 7:30 p.m.	Kentville Agricultural Centre
September 14	Hants County Council Meeting 7 p.m.	O'Brien Building Windsor
September 18-20	Hants County 4-H Exhibition Days	Hants County Exhibition Grounds
October 2 - 4	Provincial 4-H Show	South Shore Exhibition Grounds



Tractor Safety Certification

The Nova Scotia Tractor Safety Certification Program will be held in Truro at NSAC on August 26 and 27.

This course is targeted, but not limited to, youth aged 14-16. Topics such as safety, highway regulations, pre-operation checks, safe starts and stops, connecting and hauling various implements will be covered.

Any current tractor operator who holds a class 8 license or higher, and has at least 10 hours tractor driving experience is welcome to attend. At the end of the course, written and driving skills tests will be completed.

Participants who obtain 70 per cent on both the written and skills test will receive a certificate of achievement from NSAC and are eligible to get a condition 15 endorsement on their license.

A special thanks to the Nova Scotia Farm Health and Safety Committee for partially covering tuition costs for the Tractor Safety Training Program! Keep your eyes open for more information on the Tractor Certification course.

For more information visit: <http://nsac.ca/cde> or call (902) 893-6667

Upcoming 4-H Meetings

Colchester County 4-H Leaders Council Meetings:

Sept. 21, Oct. 26, at the Farm Loan boardroom NSAC campus at 7 p.m.

Colchester County Exhibition Committee Meetings:

September 12, at the Farm Loan boardroom, NSAC campus at 7:30 p.m.

Colchester County Provincial Show Preparation Meeting for Parents and Members:

September 13 at 4 p.m. at the 4-H barn, NSPE grounds

Cumberland County 4-H Leaders Council and Exhibition Committee meetings:

Sept. 1 and Oct. 6, at the Shinimicas Fire Hall at 8 p.m.

Halifax County 4-H Leaders Council Meetings: Sept. 8, at the Forestry Complex, Middle Musquodoboit at 7 p.m.

For further information on any of these events or the 4-H program, please contact:

Jacqueline Hoyt, at (902) 893-6586 or hoytjm@gov.ns.ca, 4-H Specialist for Central Region

Exhibition Schedule

Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition, Truro, August 25 - 29

Cumberland County Exhibition, Oxford, September 1-5

Eastern Nova Scotia Exhibition, Antigonish, September 9-12

Pictou/North Colchester Exhibition, Pictou, September 9-12

Hants County Exhibition, Windsor, September 18-20 and 25-27

Nova Scotia 4-H Show, Bridgewater, October 2-4

Maritime Fall Fair, Halifax, October ~~9-18~~ 8-12

Halifax- East Hants News

Hello everyone, hope you all are having a productive summer in between the bouts of clouds and rain! Maybe, in fact, finding some time for a little rest and relaxation perhaps?

Just a reminder to those who have used the HEHFA rental equipment (land levelers, cow lift and lime spreader) that the fees and contacts for usage of the equipment are as follows:

Equipment	Rental Cost	Contact Information
Lime Spreader	\$4.00/ton (member) \$4.50/ton (non-member)	Allen Benjamin (902) 758-2427
Land Leveler	\$100.00 (member) \$125.00 (non-member)	Dave Cole (902) 384-2403 or John van de Riet (902) 758-3874
Cow Lift	\$ 10.00 initial day + \$5.00 every day after (member) \$15.00 initial day \$10.00 every day after (non-member)	Corey Fraser (902) 758-2262

Fees can be mailed to: Lindsay van de Riet, 234 Mill Village Road, Shubenacadie, B0N 2H0.

The Shu-Mil 4-H club is looking for interested senior members in the REAL SKILLS project. The Real Skills project would allow members to build their portfolio, with such certifications as first aid and food handling, volunteer/ job experience and how to construct a good resume. This would be on a county basis including Riverside, Hardwoodlands and Shu-Mil.

For more information contact your 4-H leader or 4-H Specialist.

Continue to have a safe and happy Summer!

2009 CAPE BRETON COMMUNITY FAIRS

FAIR	DATE	CONTACT	PHONE
Mira Ferry (Albert Bridge)	Sept. 5	Florence Macintyre Gladys Lever Cheryl Macintyre (Chair)	(902) 562-1056 (902) 562-6310 (902) 562-2089
Christmas Island (C.b. County)	Sept. 12	Kevin Mackenzie	(902) 622-2667
Port Morien (Glace Bay)	Sept. 12	Margie Macqueen	(902) 737-2478
Victoria County (Baddeck)	Sept. 5	Wendell Macphee	(902) 295-2494
Marion Bridge	Cancelled	Norma Macinnis	(902) 727-2764

Community fairs are excellent opportunities for rural communities to get together for a fun and entertaining day and to show off their talent.

Anyone can enter articles, from homemaking, garden, woodworking to livestock (check with fair for specifics). If you have never been to a fair, plan to attend this year.

Northside Exhibition

Come visit the 92nd Annual Cape Breton Exhibition.

August 17 - 22, 105 Regent Street, North Sydney Come for all the exhibition fun and excitement!

Featuring:

Commercial displays; arts crafts and home baking exhibits; Livestock and horse competitions; Agriculture and forestry displays; full size midway with ride for all ages... and many other special features and events.

The Cape Breton Exhibition, there's no place like it. For information call (902) 794-7633.

Survey Reminder

The Cape Breton Partnership is carrying out a Human Resource focused study of Cape Breton's agriculture industry. The Cape Breton Partnership recognizes the important role agriculture plays in the economy of Cape Breton. The intent of this study will be to identify skills gaps and potential training opportunities. A short survey has been prepared and is currently being distributed to those participating in the agriculture industry in Cape Breton. We hope that

everyone contacted will participate by completing a survey. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Suzanne Sawler by e-mail at suzanne@capebretonpartnership.com or by telephone at: (902) 625-0958.

Suzanne Sawler
Special Projects Coordinator
Cape Breton Partnership
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NewPage - Port Hawkesbury Agricultural Wood Ash Tour

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Marketing 101 – What Every Rural Business Needs to Know:

At one time, farmers who mastered production could count on achieving solid financial results. That's history. Today, with production expertise a given, those who seek above-average results must understand and manage other elements of their business equally well. One of the most important of these is marketing.

For many people, the whole notion of marketing can be confusing, intimidating or downright scary. CFBMC aims to demystify marketing, providing farmers and rural entrepreneurs with practical knowledge they can quickly implement in their own businesses. If you're ready to be a better marketer and are looking for a common-sense approach, the marketing workshop is the place for you. In just a single day, you will learn:

- the basics of marketing: what it is and why it matters,
- taking your own pulse: the marketing self-assessment,
- how to choose and implement essential marketing tactics,
- how other agri-businesses have used these techniques to boost sales and profitability.

Beyond this core curriculum, there is an opportunity to meet other farmers and rural entrepreneurs, share experiences and learn together in a helpful environment. When you head home, you'll be better positioned to connect marketing principles to your own situation, and write and manage your own marketing plan.

Wednesday, November 4, 2009
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre
Shannon Studio
606 Reeves Street
Port Hawkesbury

Call Catherine Plumridge to register at (902) 563-2000 or e-mail plumricl@gov.ns.ca

Reminder:

Restricted Licenses Farm
Tractor/Trailers Over 14,000 kg
Class 3F/Condition 23 expires
September 1, 2009.

For more information on this or any registration process, contact the Registry of Motor Vehicles through Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations by phoning the toll-free number in Nova Scotia

1-800-898-7668 or visit their web site at
<http://www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr/rmv/>

RMV Locations to Choose From:

Sydney - 380 King's Road, Sydney

Baddeck - Provincial Building,
Corner of Chebucto, Main and
Campbell Streets, Baddeck

Port Hawkesbury - 400 Reeves
Street, Port Hawkesbury

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Tuesday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30
p.m.

Wednesday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Note - Baddeck is closed at lunch time

Cape Breton 4-H : Summer Newsletter

These are exciting times for regional youth as new clubs and project areas are explored. 4-H in Cape Breton represents club and community involvement that evolves into a unique 4-H “family”. Being a part of a club allows 4-H members and leaders to lend a helping hand when it comes to project work, volunteer experiences, and social events. The 4-H program is full of experiences and excitement throughout the year. 4-H Weekend, Provincial Show, and Camp Rankin are just a few opportunities offered to Cape Breton 4-Hers. Members learn to work as a team and independently. With the 4-H motto, “Learn to do By Doing”, members have the opportunity to grow into responsible, mature leaders with valuable life long skills.

4-H Counties in Cape Breton Region

Cape Breton County is home to the oldest continuous club in Canada, the Grand Mira 4-H club. This county offers a variety of projects, especially homemaking projects. Additionally, many diverse livestock projects are offered within the county. Cape Breton County is a strong competitor in the speaking and demonstration competitions, both regionally and provincially. They are welcome to any new members that would like to join.

Arm of Gold - Carol MacDonald
Bayside - Verna Johnson
Grand Mira - Barbara MacKinnon
Northside - Ruth Mac Neil
Rising Sun - Beverly Kirk

Inverness County has the largest 4-H member enrollment this year. This county is also home to Cape Breton’s biggest club, Port Hood Island View. Known for its strength in livestock projects, this county deals in mainly dairy, beef, horse and poultry.

Scotsville 4-H Lakers - Natasha MacDonald
Brook Village 4-H Achievers - Mary MacPhee and
Janine Wilson
Green Point - Darlene Rankin Margaree
Riverside - Ruth Ann Hart Port Hood
Island View - Joanne and Ron Schmidt
South West Mabou - Carol VanDenHoogen

Richmond County plays an important role in taking care of the provincial 4-H camp, Camp Rankin and it has been a tradition for many years. This county also has two successful 4-H clubs. These clubs are valuable supporters of their community and 4-H programs. They also have very helpful parents who contribute as much as they can to 4-H. Richmond County is looking for more volunteers to become leaders.

County Line - Adrienne Smith
Lakeside - Stewart Carter

Victoria County has only one club, but they are still going strong. This county has a strong involvement with the poultry project. In addition to the poultry project, Victoria County also offers many different non-livestock projects. The Baddeck Valley club hosts the Regional Rally every year and has long term leaders that have provided great support to local youth over the years.

Baddeck Valley - Nelson Peterson
If you are interested in joining the 4-H program, either as a member or as an adult leader, you should contact the regional 4-H Specialist in your area. There may already be an existing club in your community, or perhaps a new club could be started. In any case, the 4-H specialist will be able to provide you with the information required to become a member or leader. If you would like to get involved with the 4-H program here in Cape Breton please contact the 4-H office; Mabou – Rhonda MacDougall (902) 945-2901 or Sydney – Marina Gillis (902) 563-2001.

Starting A New Club

New clubs are always being encouraged in the region. Today's 4-H members develop the skills required to become future leaders in their schools, their communities and their workplaces. The 4-H program is open to anyone between the ages of 9 and 21 years who would like to become a member. Also, children 7 and 8 years old can become Cloverbuds. These members are given the opportunity to enjoy and learn about the 4-H program without having to participate in the competition aspect of 4-H. For those 21 years of age and older, we encourage individuals to become 4-H leaders or club assistants.

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The 4-H program will provide members with many possibilities such as scholarships, friendships, and life long skills. If you think that a 4-H club would be of benefit for kids in your community please call your nearest 4-H office and they will help you along the way. The 4-H Specialist will discuss the details of the 4-H program with you, determine the extent of interest, local leadership potential, and community needs of the youth, and answer any questions you may have.

Opportunities of a Lifetime

In addition to taking projects, 4-H members can participate in many other events, such as:

Eastern Breeders Showcase - 4-H members from Atlantic Canada will learn animal management and preparation practices from some of the best people in the industry at the Eastern Breeders Inc. 4-H Showcase each June in Truro. Eastern Breeders Incorporated has sponsored the training event for several years. Along with financial assistance, it provides the Atlantic event with highly qualified staff to ensure 4-H members learn the most current techniques in clipping, showing, and herd management.

Camp Rankin – Cape Breton region is proud to be home of Nova Scotia's summer camp for 4-H members. Camp Rankin has become a very popular tradition that is visited every year by many young and old 4-Hers. There, kids can learn about 4-H and have lots of fun. The days are packed with activities such as canoeing, swimming, hiking, recreation and campfires.

There are also group activities where members can learn about nature, acting, and crafts. The week concludes with a banquet and camp award ceremony. Camp Rankin gives 4-H members a chance to relax, meet new people, and use teamwork with cabin and group activities. The camps run through July into August. The first four camps are for junior members while the last camp is open to intermediate members.

Aside from the camping experience, there are also job opportunities associated with Camp Rankin. Older 4-H members are encouraged to apply and interview for 7 counselor positions. If this is your first camp experience, applications are also taken for unpaid counselor in training (CIT) positions that are one week in length. CIT's are exposed to the camp program without the full responsibility of the counselor.

Nova Scotia 4-H Show - Each fall, Nova Scotia 4-H members and leaders take part in the largest provincial 4-H Show in Canada. This is held at different locations across the province. This annual Provincial 4-H Show is an opportunity for 4-H members to showcase their project achievements to the public. Approximately 2400 youth and 1000 adult leaders attend the show from across Nova Scotia to compete in a variety of livestock, homemaking and non-livestock classes for top honours.

4-H Week - Capture the 4-H spirit in November as 4-H members, volunteer leaders and supporters celebrate National 4-H Month across Canada. The month-long celebration provides an opportunity to showcase the many benefits of the 4-H program, which continues to help thousands of youth in Nova Scotia reach their full potential. 4-H has been bringing

leadership and development programs to Nova Scotia's rural young people since 1922 when the first 4-H club began in Heatherton, Antigonish County as a young Boy's and Girl's Club. This 4-H club was an Ayrshire heifer and swine club comprised of fourteen members. Since its early beginnings the 4-H program has evolved to offer leadership training, public speaking, technical and life skills to youth from 9-21 years of age.

We have so much to celebrate! In a national survey conducted by the Canadian 4-H Council and Isporeid, 4-H Alumni across Canada were polled for their attitudes towards the 4-H program and its impact on them. The results strongly indicated that the 4-H program has helped and continues to help, develop youth across Canada. Seventy eight percent felt the knowledge and skills gained in 4-H continue to benefit them in their adult years. Sixty-nine percent said parents and families benefit from their children's membership in 4-H. Show your support for 4-H families by wearing green in November.

4-H Annual Meeting - This takes place in November each year. Each county is able to send two delegates, one adult leader and one senior 4-H member. It is an excellent opportunity to be part of the rule making process for the Nova Scotia 4-H program and to meet other people from across the province.

4-H Members and Leaders Workshops, Tours and Conferences

- Opportunities for life long learning occurs on many different levels. From the local, regional, provincial and regional levels 4-H members and leaders can participate in a variety of skill specific and leadership development workshops and conferences each year. Meeting people and having fun, while developing self confidence and team building skills is what it is all about. Contact your 4-H Specialist for details.

4-H Weekend – 4-H members compete for provincial awards in public speaking and demonstration competitions at the Provincial 4-H Weekend at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College in Bible Hill each May. This two-day provincial competition showcases the speaking skills of 4-H members who have already won at the 4-H club, county and regional level.

Trips and Scholarships - If these aren't enough opportunities for you, 4-H members can also apply to win trips across Canada, the United States and the UK. There are several scholarships towards education or community development activities available to 4-H members 16 years of age and older and in 4-H for at least two years. Check the General Leader Kit for more details about all the opportunities!

New To Cape Breton

REAL SKILLS Project - This Rural Employment and Life Skills Program (REAL SKILLS) is designed to provide members with a wide range of learning opportunities that will enable them to develop a list of completed real skill training. Skills involved with this project consist of CPR and First Aid, WHMIS, OH&S, Food Handlers, and Business Plans (Marketing and More, Leadership, Communication, Team, and Job Shadowing). Members will be required to compile a portfolio which will consist of all material/handouts from information sessions, certificates received in the project and individual session evaluation. Please contact your local 4-H office if this is of interest to your club.

National Winners

Congratulations to all of the winners of National Awards. The award ceremony for these took place at 4-H Weekend, along with all of the communication results of 4-H Weekend.

W. Garfield Weston Foundation U.K. Exchange	– Amanda Lowe	– Inverness County
National Members' Conference	– Jarvis Pierrard	– Victoria County
National 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Conference	– Adrienne Smith	– Richmond County
	– Marion Turner	– Cape Breton County

If you would like a chance to participate in one of these events, call your specialist to enquire about application dates and requirements. These awards are very beneficial to all members and are considered a trip of a lifetime.

Provincial Show 2009 (Bridgewater)

The 4-H Provincial Show is one of Nova Scotia's biggest and most exciting events and it is fast approaching. This event is an opportunity for all the 4-H counties in the province to showcase their best project work and compete for top honours in livestock and life skills project areas. This year the Provincial Show will be held on October 2 - 4 at the South Shore Exhibition grounds, Bridgewater. A

reminder to general leaders - if you cannot bring your club projects to the show, please inform the 4-H office in September in order to find a substitute or scratch. Life skills projects must be in by no later than 5:30 p.m. on Friday the 2nd and the livestock projects must be on the grounds by 8:30 p.m. on Friday. This weekend will be filled with the project judging, member judging competitions, tug-o-war, a mud stomp dance and livestock auctions. Remember, the theme for this year is - 4-H 2009 is the year to shine.

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We encourage counties to celebrate our rich 4-H background with our communities. Come out and see the excitement that 4-H members, leaders and families have to offer.

August 27-29 – Inverness County 4-H show
September 12 – Poultry Workshop, Baddeck Forks Hall
September 9 – Substitution for Pro-show
September 16 – Scratch for Pro Show by noon
September 10 – Victoria County project drop off/ competitions
September 12 – Victoria County 4-H Day
October 2-4 – Pro-Show Bridgewater

Please feel free to contact the 4-H office in your counties for upcoming programs or concerns at (902) 563-2001 (Sydney)
or (902) 945-2901 (Mabou).

4-H Weekend Winners

Members from all over Cape Breton competed in public speaking events including writing a speech, presenting a demonstration and creating posters. Here are the Cape Breton region winners from 4-H Weekend:

1st Place Junior Freehand Poster Emily VanDenHoogen – Inverness County
3rd Place Junior Computer Poster – Bryan Berk – Victoria County
1st Place Senior Computer Poster– Jarvis Pierrard – Victoria County
1st Place Junior Introducer– Catherine Messum – Cape Breton County
1st Place Junior Speaker – Kendrick Miller – Cape Breton County -(Champion Overall Junior and Intermediate)
2nd Place Junior Thanker – Jenessa MacEachern – Cape Breton County
3rd Place Intermediate Public Speaker – Emma Ferguson – Richmond County
5st Place Senior Public Speaker– Kristen Sutherland – Cape Breton County
1st Place Junior Double Demonstration – Amber Lovell and Andrew Cantwell – Cape Breton County -
(Champion Overall Team Demonstration)
3rd Place Senior Double Demonstration – Jarvis Pierrard and Caitlyn Hanam – Victoria County
1st Runner Up Provincial Host Competitio – Shane Gillis – Cape Breton County
3rd Place Horse Classic Team – Stephanie Clark, Shirley Hill, Emma Simpson, Rebecca MacKeigan – Cape Breton County

In Memory

June 19, 2009 marked a difficult day in the 4-H community as it suffered the loss of one of its own, George Mac Neil, Cape Breton County.

For those of us serving as leaders, George has left big shoes to be filled. He always challenged us to think of the members first, to find a way for each member to succeed, to make it fun, and to find the best in each young person who we work with. We will miss his songs, his smiles, and his hugs. We will miss his jokes, his leadership and his 4-H spirit. But we are all better leaders and better members because of George. He lived his life, day in and out, by the 4-H pledge. Using his head, heart, hands and health, George instilled a sense of community, loyalty, and service to others and community. More important, he encouraged and inspired each of us to do the same. As we go about our work with young people, and with those in our communities, we will remember George Mac Neil, and continue to "Follow the 4-H Trail".

Recently, George's song, "Follow the 4-H Trail", was adopted by Canadian Council as the National 4-H Song.

"Follow the 4-H Trail"

If you're just the average boy or girl,
then I have a place for you

4-H is the place to be, to make your
dreams come true

There's sewing, gardening and baking
and many 4-H sales As you learn to do
by doing you can

follow the 4-H trail

You can choose your favourite project
through out the coming year

You can ride a horse or show a calf, of
even raise a steer

You can even go square dancing, or
run an auction sale

Oh there are many things that you can
do, if you follow the 4-H trail

So come on 4-H members, and sing
this song with me

Let's thank our 4-H leaders, for all
their work is free

They help us with our projects, so you
and I don't fail

Then you and I together can follow the
4-H trail

You can travel round the country;
meet new friends from near and far

Sing songs around the campfire, while
someone plays guitar

Join hands at all the meetings, find
friendships that won't fail

And you and I together can follow the
4-H trail

So come on 4-H members, and sing
this song with me

Let's thank our 4-H leaders, for all
their work is free

They help us with our projects, so you
and I don't fail

then you and I together can follow the
4-H trail

Yes, you and I together can follow
the 4-H trail

Written and composed by George
Mac Neil

*** Donations can be made to
the "George MacNeil 4-H
Scholarship Fund", c/o Barb
MacKinnon, Steel Centre
Credit Union Ltd, located at
340 Prince Street, Sydney,
Nova Scotia B1P 5K9**

Change of mailing address for Antigonish office.

Department of Agriculture
190 Beech Hill Road
RR #6 Antigonish, NS
B2G 0B4

4-H Specialist

Melissa Fulton is the new Acting 4-H Specialist for the Eastern Region. Melissa is a graduate of NSAC with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. She comes from a dairy farm in Stewiacke and is a member of the Young Farmers Forum. Melissa was a 4-H member for many years and is looking forward to working with the 4-H community in the Eastern Region. You can reach her at the Antigonish office at (902) 863-7501 or the Pictou office at (902) 485-7161.

Antigonish Farmers Market

The Antigonish Farmer's Market is open for the 2009 season! Join them on Saturday morning in the 4-H Building behind the Antigonish Arena from 9 - Noon. You will find a wide variety of locally grown products, handcrafts, baked goods, etc. The market will run until October 31st at its current location and will move to its winter location from November 7 until the close of season on December 20, 2009. The location will be announced at a later date.

Ag Awareness Booth

The Eastern Nova Scotia Exhibition is being held in Antigonish from September 2 - 6. An agricultural awareness booth will be set up in the 4-H building. There will be a petting zoo, children's activities, a scavenger hunt and agricultural displays. Check the Exhibition newsletter for times of specific demonstrations or presentations. Anyone who would like to volunteer a couple of hours in the booth can call the Agriculture office at (902) 863-4705 to register.

Winter Workshops

If you would like to see a workshop or course offered this fall or winter, please contact your commodity rep or the federation and we will work with them to develop. Examples would be safety courses or first aid.

Antigonish/Guysborough Federation:
Anthony VanBerkel
(902) 863-1022 or Dianne Sinclair
(902) 783-2093. Pictou/North
Colchester: Joe Ebbett (902) 657-2122.

Marketing 101

A course for farmers who are looking to be a better marketer and are looking for a common-sense approach. Topics covered include:

- the basics of marketing
- marketing self assessment

- how to implement marketing tactics
- how other agribusinesses have used these techniques

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New Tractor License Class

A new drivers license class has been established to allow farmers and their employees to legally travel on the highway with heavy liquid manure spreaders and other heavy trailers. No drivers test will be required if the application process is completed before September 1, 2009. The application form must be completed by the applicant and, if applicable, their employer. The form is faxed to (902) 424-0772 for approval. The approval letter is then taken to the Registry of Motor Vehicles along with the fee of \$21.09. A new Class 3 licence will be issued with condition 23. Application forms are available at the Department of Agriculture, 190 Beech Hill Road or by calling the office at (902) 863-4705.

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Antigonish County 4-H Upcoming Dates

- Sept. 2 4-H Day at ENSE
- Sept. 8 Pro Show Mtg, Members/Parents, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., AEC
- Sept. 8 Antigonish Council Meeting 7:30 - 8:30 p.m., AEC
- Sept. 23 Last day for substitutes on pro show list
- Oct. 2-4 NS 4-H Show Bridgewater
- Oct. 13 Antigonish Council Meeting 7 p.m.
- Oct. 25 County Awards Program 2 p.m., St. Andrew's

Pictou County 4-H Upcoming Dates

- Aug. 26 Council Meeting (bring forward resolutions), 7 p.m. Superstore
- Sept. 9-10 4-H Day at PNCE
- Sept. 17 Pro Show meeting followed by Council Meeting (final resolutions), 6:30 p.m. Northumberland
- Sept. 23 Last day for substitutes on pro show list
- Oct. 2-4 NS 4-H Show, Bridgewater
- Oct. 29 Council Meeting, 7 p.m.