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Celebrate small-scale farming this summer

The Department of Agriculture is building on the success of last summer's Celebration of Small-Scale Farming by hosting more farmer-led workshops and panels this year. The event is being co-organized with AgraPoint and Rural Delivery.

The theme of this year's Celebration of Small-Scale Farming is Deep Roots/New Branches, which shines a spotlight on modern small-scale farmers, their foundation of traditional agriculture knowledge and practices, as well as, how they incorporate the best of modern technology, farm business management methods and marketing models.

Farmers of all types and experience are welcome to attend. The registration fee is \$15 per person or \$30 per family. Food will be available from local vendors.

The event will be held at the Northville Farm Heritage Society (1158 Steadman Road, Northville, Kings Co.) on Monday, July 25, 2011.

Contact Becky Sooksom, THINKFARM Resource Coordinator, at 893-5649 or write to thinkfarm@gov.ns.ca for more information.

Making On-Farm Food Safety Practical - Workshops for Farmers and Farm Market Vendors

Five on-farm food safety workshops are being developed to cover the basics of an on-farm food safety program. These one-day workshops are ideal for farmers and farm market vendors who are not part of a commodity-based program. They are geared toward farmers who need help developing, implementing and maintaining a basic on-farm food safety program that is cost-effective and practical. It is a great way to show customers due diligence in this area.

The following are the session dates and locations:

February 22: Kentville, NSCC campus

February 23: Bible Hill, AgriTech Park

February 24: Baddeck, Alexander Graham Bell Museum

March 3: Yarmouth, Rodd Grand Hotel

March 4: Bridgewater, Best Western

The sessions run from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Lunch is included. These

sessions are being hosted and developed by AgraPoint under the federal-provincial Growing Forward program. There is no registration fee but those wishing to attend are asked to register by calling 1-877-710-5210 (toll-free) by February 16, 2011. All registrants will receive more detailed information, including an agenda and driving directions.

Nova Scotia Crop & Livestock Insurance Commission

Crop Insurance

Application Deadlines 2011:

Spring Grain - March 14

Vegetable - March 14

Potato - April 19

Corn, Soybean (*includes canola and sunflowers*) - April 30

Maple - April 30

Weather Plan - April 30

Producers holding an active contract of insurance in one or more of the above plans will receive a coverage quote form(s) before the beginning of the crop year. This will give producers an opportunity to choose their price and coverage level options for the upcoming growing season.



Crop Insurance continued...

Advanced Payments Program - Reminder

If you are planning to apply for an advance through the Advance Payments Program (APP), please keep the above application deadlines in mind. In many cases, the APP requires participation in Crop Insurance (or CAIS) as a security for the advance. Late applications for crop insurance cannot be accepted after the above dates.

Dairy Producers

The Crop and Livestock Insurance Commission is able to write new coverage for dairy livestock each month. If you are not currently enrolled but would like to be, please call our office. If you are interested in insuring your animals against disease, lost income from milk sales as a result of disease, or fire and building collapse due to ice and snow - it is not too late to apply for dairy insurance (includes all reportable diseases except BSF and Foot and Mouth, along with shipping fever and IBR). To find out more, contact the Crop and Livestock Insurance Commission office at 893-6370 or toll-free 1-800-565-6371.

Weather Plan for Forage

This plan targets crop losses related to weather events. It guarantees 80 per cent of the average long term rainfall (mm) at a designated local weather station over a period of time (May 1 to August 31). An optional Quality Rider is also available for excessive rainfall in June during prime harvest time. Managed pastures and stored forage acreage can be insured.

Wildlife Compensation

The wildlife compensation program is for farmers who experience losses to animals or crops as a result of uncontrollable wildlife. This program applies to specific livestock as a result of predation by specified wildlife. Similarly, specified crops are covered for losses as a result of wildlife damage. There are a number of requirements to be eligible for this program. For complete details, including prices paid for losses and crop and livestock covered, visit our website at www.gov.ns.ca/agri/ci.

Maple Producers

Crop insurance is now available for maple syrup production. This new plan helps all commercial maple producers manage the risk of reduced yields due to natural perils. Any producers not currently signed up in the program can apply now for coverage for the 2011-12 crop year (the Feb to Mar 2012 harvest season). The deadline for applying is April 30, 2011. Since this is a busy time in the maple woods we encourage you to apply now to avoid missing the deadline.

Forage Producers

The forage establishment plan protects against establishment failure in the first year of growth for grasses, alfalfa and other legumes. This plan covers losses from such things as winter injury, drought, insects, diseases, floods, excess moisture, frost and wind. The plan covers new forage crop from the time of seeding up until May 31 of the following year. Seeding must be completed by

July 1 for legumes and legume/grass mixes and by September 1 for grasses. The deadline to apply for this insurance is October 15, but you can apply as soon as your crop is seeded.

The weather derivative plan for forage provides a guarantee of 80 per cent of the long term average rainfall (30 year average). A producer can choose two, three or four months of drought coverage between May 1 and August 31. Any part or all of the managed forage and/or pasture on your farm can be insured for up to \$288 per acre. An optional quality rider can be purchased for the month of June. When three consecutive days of rainfall of at least five mm are recorded, a payment of 20 per cent of your guarantee is triggered. Producers can receive up to two payments under this quality rider during the month of June. For the weather plan, rainfall measurements are based on the recorded rainfall from sites around the province, primarily at Environment Canada weather stations. Producers select the site nearest their farm. This plan differs from other insurance plans since there are no yield measurements required. Once a drought or excess rainfall event occurs a payment is triggered.

Both the weather derivative plan for forage and the forage establishment plans require an annual application. For more information including the cost sharing with government for these programs contact one of our offices.

For information on any of our insurance plans, contact us at 1-800-565-6371 for Truro or 679-6015/6028 for Kentville.

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Wild Blueberry

Celebrates 15 Years As Province's Choice



Nova Scotia's wild blueberry, worth \$40 million in export sales to 30 countries, is celebrating its 15th anniversary as the province's official berry.

An event held on Feb. 1, at the Seaport Farmers' Market, Halifax, spotlighted its value to the province and its many healthy attributes.

"Wild blueberries are the number one fruit crop in size and export sales in Nova Scotia," said Agriculture Minister John MacDonell. "We're very proud to support a homegrown product that contributes greatly to our economy and provides jobs for more than 3,000 Nova Scotians who are either directly or indirectly employed by the industry."

Proclaimed the provincial berry on Jan. 11, 1996, the wild blueberry is often touted for its medicinal benefits.

"Early research suggested the antioxidant power of blueberries was responsible for health benefits," said Wilhelmina Kalt, research scientist, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, who is investigating the berry's health attributes. "More recently, research indicates blueberries may be important in reducing inflammation that comes with disease and aging."

Health research is examining the blueberry's benefits in areas such as cardiovascular health, neuroscience, cancer, inflammation, aging and, more recently, diabetes and sight.

"Nova Scotia wild blueberries go to more than 30 countries around the world," said John Quinn, president, Wild Blueberry Producers Association of Nova Scotia. "We are exploring new markets and new opportunities for the wild blueberry. This is an industry that has growth potential far beyond our borders."

Hosted by the Wild Blueberry Producers Association of Nova Scotia and supported by Select Nova Scotia, the event featured remarks by Mr. MacDonell, Nova Scotia songstress Rosalee Peppard, singing The Nova Scotia Wild Blueberry Blues and children's author Paddy Muir, who wrote Wild Ones to educate youth about the wild blueberry.

For more information about the wild blueberry or Select Nova Scotia, go to <http://www.selectnovascotia.ca>.

Farm Loan Board



Effective today, interest rates have been revised (upwards) as follows:

Amort. Period	Interest Rates		
	Full Amortization	5-year Term	3-year Term
1 - 5	3.65%	3.55%	3.15%
6 - 10	4.50%	4.00%	3.25%
11 - 15	5.20%	4.10%	3.60%
16 - 20	6.50%	4.20%	3.65%
21 - 25	6.70%	4.25%	3.65%
26 - 30	6.80%	4.25%	3.70%

Programs and Business Risk Management

AgriInvest and AgriStability

AgriInvest and AgriStability are business risk management programs that help producers protect their income and manage risks like drought, flooding, low prices and increased input costs.

AgriInvest provides farmers with flexible coverage for small income declines as well as support for investments to mitigate risks or improve market income. Farmers deposit money into an AgriInvest account and receive matching government contributions. If you receive an AgriInvest deposit notice you have 90 days to respond by making your deposit.

2009 AgriInvest Deposit Notices

AgriInvest deposit notices have been mailed out with information on how to make your 2009 deposit. Once you receive your deposit notice, you can open an account at your financial institution and make the 2009 AgriInvest deposit by the deadline indicated to receive a matching contribution from governments. Existing funds currently held by the federal government will be transferred to your AgriInvest account. Producers can request a withdrawal from their AgriInvest account through their financial institution at any time throughout the year.

AgriStability is a margin-based program that provides support when a farmer experiences larger farm income losses. AgriStability covers declines of more than 15 per cent in a farmer's average income from previous years. If you participated in AgriStability 2009

you will automatically be enrolled for 2010 and will be receiving a 2010 enrolment notice soon. If you have not received your 2010 enrollment notice and have not heard from AgriStability you should contact the number below.

New Participants or Farmers - AgriStability 2010 Enrolment

Producers who did not participate in 2010 AgriStability and wish to participate in 2011 must request a new participant package before April 30, 2011. To request your package or for more information, visit <http://www.agr.gc.ca/AgriStability> or call AgriStability toll free at 1-866-367-8506.

AgriStability 2010 Interim Applications Are Available

The interim application is available for producers who would like to apply for an advance for the 2010 program year. As a program participant, you cannot receive your full 2010 AgriStability payment until your 2010 program year is complete. By using the interim application, you can estimate your 2010 income and expenses and receive a portion of this payment early. The deadline to apply for the interim is March 31, 2011.

AgriStability/AgriInvest 2009 harmonized form final deadline

If you missed the September 30, 2010 deadline, the final deadline was December 31, 2010 with a \$500/month reduction to your payment.

AgriStability 2010 final fee deadline

You will be ineligible to participate in AgriStability for the 2010 program year if the final December 31, 2010 deadline was missed.

To contact the AgriInvest or AgriStability administration call 1-866-367-8506 or visit the website at <http://www.agr.gc.ca/AgriStability> or <http://www.agr.gc.ca/AgriInvest>.

For more information on any of the above programs, contact the Programs and Business Risk Management office toll free at 1-866-844-4276.

Programs Update

It is claiming time for the Farm Investment Fund. You are encouraged to claim projects as they are completed, which may help you cash manage for multiple approved projects. There is no limit to the amount of claims you may submit. The final claiming deadline is March 1, 2011.

The Agri-Food Industry Development Fund program is now closed and it is claiming time for completed projects. The final claiming deadline is March 1, 2011.

Program information regarding the Farm Investment Fund and Agri-Food Industry Development Fund can be found on www.gov.ns.ca/agri/prm or by contacting the Programs and Business Risk Management office at 893-6510 or toll free 1-866-844-4276.

Exciting Changes at Nova Scotia Agricultural College

By Stephanie Rogers, Nova Scotia Agricultural College

The year 2010 was extraordinary and historic for the Nova Scotia Agricultural College. We are poised to become a free-standing post-secondary institution in April 2011. This transition will allow us to be competitive in the post-secondary market and is the first but significant step in transforming the college a more vibrant, competitive and responsive organization.

A process is underway to select an interim president during the initial period when we will stabilize, focus and grow as an independent institution. This will be a short term appointment with the recruitment of a full-term president to take place sometime over the next two years.

This fall saw the college reach its highest enrollment in its 105 year history with 961 students, surpassing an all-time high of 950 students in 1996. Of these students, 85 were new international students from nearly 20 countries bringing international student enrollment to 19 per cent of the student body another all-time high!

For the fourth consecutive year in a row, Nova Scotia Agricultural College was ranked number one in research intensity among Atlantic Canada's 17 universities, according to Research Infosource Inc. and its Canada's Top 50 Research Universities List.

Macleans magazine's 2010 guide to Canadian universities wrote that of the 57 universities in Canada, Nova Scotia Agricultural College

ranked third in student-faculty interaction, eighth in supportive campus environment, eighth in active and collaborative learning and 14th in level of academic challenge.

An official sod turning was held in early November for the Atlantic Centre for Agricultural Innovation (ACAI) which is set to open its doors this summer. The centre will be the first building on our campus to be built to silver LEED standards, following the Green Building Rating System. ACAI will be a one-stop-shop for new agri-business development and will pursue incubation of new products, attraction of new agri-business and acceleration of new technologies.

The Nova Scotia Agricultural College continues to be a leader in alternative energies and environmental sustainability issues with the completion of the first phase of TREEhouse - an on-campus project to convert an older style split-level dwelling into an energy efficient and eco-friendly office space. It will serve as both a teaching tool and a research resource for innovative building concepts.

Last spring, the college launched a new, single ring tradition to provide students and alumni with a true symbol of the university. Custom designed by a local artisan, each ring is handmade and features a textured pattern of barley. Rings can be seen by visiting <http://nsac.ca/alumni/gradring.asp>

Continue Your Education at NSAC

Winter Courses 2011

Please visit our website at nsac.ca/cde for more information

Modern Shepherd

Module 4- Lambing and Marketing: April 16 and 17

Master Gardener

March and October Intake
Summer School Level I: July 4-8
Summer School Level II: July 7-8

Introduction to Welding

February 25-27, 2011

Pesticide Application Technology for Farmers

February 26, 2011

Pesticide Application Technology for Landscapers

March 5, 2011

Livestock Medicines-For Meat and Milk Producing Animals

February 10, 2011

GPS Training for Farm Employees

Level I- Using GPS and GIS
Technology on Farm- February 22
and 23

Level II- Technology for Precision
Farming - February 24 and 25

Other Spring 2011 Course Offerings

Pesticide Applicator's Certification
Bulk Milk Tank Grader
NS Tractor Safety Certification

Please visit our website at <http://nsac.ca/cde> for more information on courses available this year.



Ten Nova Scotia 4-H Members participate in the annual Kevin Grant Leadership Tour

A pancake house, geological museum, blueberry harvesting business and several farms will be a few of the stops for a group of 10 Nova Scotia 4-H youths visiting Cumberland County from March 14 to 16. The young people will be part of the third annual Kevin Grant Memorial 4-H Leadership Tour.

Mr. Grant was a long time 4-H participant, government public servant and avid program supporter. His legacy lives on through a fund that provides a significant endowment to the Nova Scotia 4-H Foundation to assist with rural youth development. After careful consideration of his wishes, the foundation has developed the rural youth leadership development tour named in his honor.

Its purpose is to present 4-H members between the ages of 15-17 with an opportunity to see a new and different part of Nova Scotia so they can confidently make decisions about where they choose to settle when they enter the workforce.

4-H members are selected from across the province for the tour through an application and interview process. During the three days, they hear speakers and participate in tours with a

business, agriculture and industry format. 4-H members learn about a specific region in the province; the community, community leaders, the local area resource based businesses and rural employers.

During the 2011 tour, members will visit Davison's Pancake House, Jost Vineyards, Doug Bragg Enterprises, Joggins Fossil Centre, Fundy Geological Museum, Nappan Experimental Farm, Viking Crest Farms and Masstown Market. During social activities they have many opportunities for networking with 4-H members from the specific region they are visiting.

The leadership development tour will be held in different locations across Nova Scotia each year during the school March break.

The 4-H members participating in the 2011 Kevin Grant Leadership tour are:

Michael Lapointe, Lunenburg Co.; Andrew Greene, Pictou Co.; Simon Greenough, Hants Co.; Tyler McLaren, Antigonish Co.; Emma Simpson, Cape Breton Co.; Brittany Brydon, Kings Co.; Mandy Smith, Halifax/East Hants Co.; Courtney Schmidt, Inverness Co.; Austen Brown and Kristine Spidle, Annapolis Co.

Take the 4-H Challenge with the Atlantic Intermediate 4-H Members Conference

Eighty Atlantic 4-H members will take the 4-H Challenge to be the best leaders they can be in their club, community and on a local and global level. The conference takes place February 25 to 27 in Debert.

This interactive conference provides an opportunity for 4-H members from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island to network; develop personal, teamwork, communication and leadership skills; be physically fit; expand their horizons about science, environment; geo-caching, agriculture and community engagement - all while having lots of fun.

Several speakers will address key issues at the conference. Mark Essay is a teacher from Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, who is engaging and dynamic presentations and workshops really get you thinking about what it is you want to do and how you can do it. He will give you all the tools to identify your goals, set them, and achieve them!

4-H members will get up and laugh with Gerry Sullivan from Newfoundland and Labrador. When members finish the workshop they will be armed with the knowledge and resources to attack every challenge with a grin.

Carl George is a health and wellness specialist who makes healthfulness fun and entertaining. With an incredible sense of humor, he will leave delegates excited, motivated and inspired to help you LIVE the life you want to live!

4-H members will get moving after a big weekend with UFit's "Power to Believe"! Gordon McNeilly will share his zest for life and allow you to relax and enjoy his unique style of interaction and

Scholarships Available For 4-H Members

Young people can gain more than confidence, technical skills and friendship from the 4-H program. 4-H members who are 16 years of age and have been a member for at least two years can apply to win university entrance scholarships.

Presently 4-H members can apply for scholarships from the Department of Agriculture, the Nova Scotia 4-H Council and TD Canada Trust. Each scholarship has specific requirements. The two Nova Scotia scholarships require an essay to be submitted with their completed application form. The essays are judged for style, subject knowledge, originality, quality, interpretation of research as well as spelling and grammar. Scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$2,000.



motivation. He focuses on changing the way you think about your situation so that you can strive to achieve more out of your life.

Funding has been provided by the Atlantic 4-H Committee, Agrium, Agri-Food Industry Development Fund and the Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland Prince Edward Island provincials 4-H councils.

Members are encouraged to speak to their 4-H general leader or their agriculture and 4-H leadership coordinator to get the application. The deadlines are April 1 for the Department of Agriculture scholarship and the Nova Scotia 4-H Council scholarship, and October for the TD Canada Trust 4-H scholarship. Ask your agriculture and 4-H leadership coordinator for more information about the TD Canada Trust scholarship in June.

Get a Summer Job at Camp Rankin

Students interested in working with children and spending time in the outdoors can find a rewarding summer job at Camp Rankin, the provincial 4-H camp. Positions are available for counselors for canoeing, drama, nature and outdoors, crafts, recreation and healthy living and exploring.

Camp Rankin is located in Cape Breton just outside of St. Peter's at Cape George on the Bras d'Or Lakes. The camp is open to Nova Scotia 4-H members between the ages of nine and 15. It strives to

4-H Members Ready For Annual Chocolate Fund Raiser

If a 4-H member asks you to buy a chocolate bar this spring, it's for a good cause. Each year 4-H members across Nova Scotia participate in a provincial fundraising campaign. This year they are selling Sunsweet chocolate products to raise money for local and provincial programs. The campaign runs the month of March. 4-H members will be offering consumers a choice of Cadbury Caramilk, Jersey Milk and Burnt Almond bars for \$2 each.

Proceeds from this sale are split between the Nova Scotia 4-H Council and the counties selling bars. The provincial council uses the money raised to support provincial events such as the EBI Showcase; National Travel Award Opportunity registrations; Camp Rankin and the Nova Scotia 4-H Council Scholarships; and provincial programs such as 4-H Weekend, Annual Meeting and 4-H Show.

uphold 4-H values and traditions, which encourages care and responsibility for resources and teaching positive life skills to youth. Campers attend one of five camps running Sunday until Friday, beginning July 3 and ending August 5, 2011. A wide range of activities are offered to campers, including, hiking, swimming, canoeing, drama, crafts and recreation.

Under the supervision of the camp's director, each counselor will follow camp rules and set a

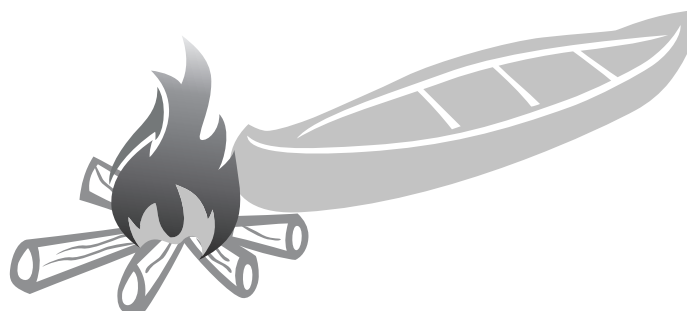
good example for the campers. Counselors will supervise a group of up to seven campers during the night, in individual cabins. They will work with this group during camp activities like campfires, chapel and during camp chores. Each counselor will be responsible for preparing two to three workshops for campers aged nine to 12 and 13 to 15, and leading their session one to two times each day. Counselors will be expected to participate in and supervise all group activities, including hikes, dances and various recreational activities.

This is a great opportunity for all senior 4-H members who have a good understanding of the 4-H program, enjoy the outdoors and who are at least 16 years old. Current First Aid training is a requirement for all counsellors. Formal canoeing training is required for the canoeing counsellor.

As a Camp Rankin counsellor you will have a great summer job, where you will meet new friends

and create many fond memories. 4-H members who are 16 or older can also apply for the Counsellor-in-training positions. These positions are on a volunteer basis and are for one of the camping weeks.

Deadlines to have the applications to the 4-H office in Truro is March 15. Contact your local 4-H office if you are interested in any of these summer jobs or check with your general leader for an application.



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Pesticide Certification Courses

Traci Curry will be offering Pesticide Certification and Recertification courses in the area. If you are interested in attending one of these courses, contact Traci at 897-9276 or email tcurry@bellaliant.net.

The dates for certification courses are as follows:

February 21-22 - The Pines (formerly Wandlyn Inn), Coldbrook

February 23-24 - Agri-Tech Park, Truro

The dates for recertification courses are as follows:

March 3 - Agri-Tech Park, Truro

April 7 - Wandlyn Inn, Bridgewater

Hants County Federation of Agriculture

February 23, 2011 - Occupational Health and Safety and Transportation Meeting with Ralph Baxter and other presenters to be announced. The meeting will be held at the Brooklyn Civic Centre from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided. If you are able to attend or for further information, please contact Tina Morgan:

gore.jus@ns.sympatico.ca. Federation members are urged to attend.

March 7 - monthly meeting 7:30 p.m., at the O'Brien Building, Windsor.

April 4 - monthly meeting 7:30 p.m., at the O'Brien Building, Windsor.

Important Reminder

The deadline for submitting claims under the 2010-11 Farm Investment Fund Program is March 1, 2011.

Kings County Federation of Agriculture

The new President for the Kings County Federation of Agriculture is Nick DeGraaf. Colin Brown continues as Vice President.

Looking for New Director for Lunenburg Queens Federation of Agriculture

The Lunenburg Queens Federation of Agriculture is looking for a new member for its Board of Directors. If anyone is interested, please contact Peter Morine at 527-3274 or Jim Crooker at 682-2211 for more information.

Career Focus Program - Investing in the Future of Agriculture

Are you interested in helping to develop Canada's newest and brightest graduates for a career in the agriculture industry? The Career Focus Program provides employers with up to \$20,000 in matching funds to create internship opportunities for recent

graduates from agriculture-related programs.

For employers, the program offers an economical way to attract new talent and helps provide new graduates with a valuable first job that will help pave the way to

career in the ever-changing agriculture and agri-food industry.

To find out more about the Career Focus Program visit <http://www.agr.gc.ca/careerfocus> or call 1-866-452-5558 or e-mail: careerfocus@agr.gc.ca.

Private Sector Research and Development Co-operative Employment Program

The Department of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism will soon be accepting applications for the Private Sector Research and Development Co-operative Employment program. In short, this program can provide up to 75 per cent wage subsidies for companies engaged in research

and development to hire a post-secondary student from science, engineering or business.

To find out more about this great opportunity check out <http://gov.ns.ca/econ/sep/rd/>.

New applications will be available soon.

Update of Mailing List and E-Mailing Newsletter

We are continuing to update our mailing list. If your civic address information is incomplete or you would rather receive this newsletter by e-mail or you do not wish to receive this newsletter any longer, please contact Cheryl by phone at 679-6021 or by e-mail at ctheriau@gov.ns.ca.

Valley Region 4-H News

Kings County council meetings are held at the Kentville Agricultural Center at 7:30 p.m. and Hants Council Meetings are held at Brooklyn Elementary School in Brooklyn at 7 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings:

Hants County:

Monday, February 14
Monday, March 14
Monday, April 11
Monday, May 9

Kings County:

Tuesday, March 7
Monday, April 4
Monday, May 2

4-H New Leader and Parent Information Session

These sessions are offered to new leaders and parents of the 4-H program, to allow them to become more familiar with what to expect throughout the year. Information is presented through a PowerPoint presentation by the agriculture and 4-H leadership coordinator. Hand out materials covering the program is provided. The session provides a

great opportunity to network among leaders and parents as well as to ask any questions that they may have about the program.

2011 New Leader Session

Hants County - Brooklyn Elementary School, 6 p.m. on February 14.

Department of Agriculture, Making a Difference in Developing Today's Youth

One of the government mandates is to retain today's youth within our province. By developing youth with a broad skill set including leadership, technical and critical thinking skills, they are challenged to develop to their full potential allowing them to confidently look for rewarding careers in Nova Scotia. The 4-H program is an excellent example of how the provincial government is achieving this mandate. Be sure to look for success stories of members on the Provincial 4-H website <http://gov.ns.ca/agri/4h>. These stories are solid examples of how

our youth are benefitting and continue to benefit from this well known youth program, funded by the Department of Agriculture.



2011 4-H Theme

The 2011 theme and emblem have recently been released. "From country, town to every place, WE SEE 4-H". This theme will be used throughout the year in club and county displays to remind us of where the 4-H program can be found across Nova Scotia.

For more information about the 4-H program or on the club nearest you, please contact your local 4-H office. For Hants and Kings Counties the number is 679-6027. You can also log on to the provincial website at: <http://gov.ns.ca/agri/4h>.

Farming For Sustainability – A Workshop for Farm Businesses

Are you thinking about making changes to your farm business to improve your bottom line? Have you been considering financial, environmental and social changes? If you would like to hear from your peers about how they are innovating and addressing change in the context of economic viability, environmental stewardship and social responsibility, register for this upcoming workshop!

Debert Hospitality Center
Wednesday, March 30
9:30 a.m to 3 p.m.

Speakers for the event:

Dr. Paul LaFleche, Department of Agriculture Deputy Minister, 'Homegrown Success'
Dr. Vimy Glass, Department of Agriculture, What is Sustainability all About
Simmian Roberts, Project Coordinator Scotian Gold, Become an Employer of Choice
Curtis Millen, Great Village, Evolve and Innovate Horticulture
Frazer Hunter, Merrigomish, Evolve and Innovate Livestock

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John Murray and Hema Chopra, Department of Agriculture, Sustainable Business Planning

New Staff

Please join us in welcoming Theresa Osborne to DeWolfe House as the new administrative assistant for the Central Region office. For the last three years, Theresa has been working at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College as the administrative assistant she was also executive secretary for the Women's Institutes of Nova Scotia for more than eighteen years. Theresa brings with her a wealth of knowledge about the industry, the Department of Agriculture and will make a great member of the Central Region team. Theresa may be contacted at osborntc@gov.ns.ca or phone 893-6575.

Cumberland Producers

Do not miss the opportunity to have your product on a table near you!

Interested in promoting your farm business to Cumberland residents and beyond? The Departments of Agriculture, Cumberland Regional Economic Development Association and Cumberland Community Health Board are creating a new guide - to connect Cumberland residents, restaurants and producers. Experience Cumberland Food will create new opportunities for producers who want to sell directly to food service establishments and allow all producers to wave their business flag.

This new guide will promote the benefits of buying local and direct from Cumberland producers (agriculture and seafood) - freshness, quality, as well as meeting the increasing consumer

demand for locally produced foods. The guide will also educate chefs and food buyers about the seasonal availability and location of Cumberland products as well as provide useful information about the producers who supply them.

Copies of Experience Cumberland Food will be distributed to all Cumberland residents including chefs, restaurants and food service managers through a direct mail out.

Pesticide Certification and Recertification

Course Schedule 2011

The following dates have been set up for producers interested in pesticide certification or recertification by ProAgri Consulting.

Recertification:

February 17, Nappan Pavilion, Amherst, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Fee is \$75 (plus tax)

March 3, AgriTech Park, Truro, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Fee is \$75 (plus tax)

Certification:

Feb. 23 and 24, AgriTech Park,
Truro 9. a.m. to 4 p.m. Fee is \$185
(tax and manual incl.)

To register, please call Traci Curry
at 897-0276 write to
tlcurry@bellaliant.net .

NOTE: Dates for certification and
recertification are also available in
Kentville. For more information
please call Traci at 897-0276. If
you are applying for a pesticide
licence for the first time, or your
current licence is due to expire and
you have not collected any
recertification points, then you
should take a certification course.
Alternately you may arrange to
write the pesticide application
exam at a Department of
Environment office. Recertification
sessions provide five of the 15
required points before your licence
expires to recertify without writing
an exam.

* New in 2010 applicators can now
accumulate 10 points per year but
will need to acquire 15 points
within five years to qualify for
recertification.

4- H News

Hello 4-H'rs!

The new 4-H year is upon us and
its already shaping up to be a great
one! Many clubs will soon be
hosting public speaking rallies in
February and March. Public
speaking is an important part of
the 4-H program and a great
learning experience. Everyone is
encouraged to take part in speech
days and public speaking rallies.
Whether you are a member giving
a speech, a community member
volunteering to be a judge, or want
to be part of the audience, 4-H
speech days and rallies are a lot of
fun!

National Award Winners:

Four 4-H members from the
Central region were chosen for 4-H
National awards. Katelyn
O'Connell and Erica Jackson, both
of the Stewiacke Valley 4-H Club
in Colchester County, as well as
Heidi Anderson of the Clifton 4-H
club in Colchester County will all
attend the National Citizenship
Seminar in Ottawa from April 8 to
14. Megan Smith of the Shu-Mil 4-
H Club in Halifax-East Hants
County has won a trip to the
National 4-H Conference in
Washington, DC. Congratulations
to the four members and the 4-H
community wishes them the best
of luck on their travels. The rest of
the awards will be announced at 4-
H weekend in May. Any 4-H
members not receiving an award
this year are encouraged to apply
next year as their chances improve
with more experience.

Kevin Grant Memorial Leadership Award:

Mandy Smith of the Shu-Mil 4-H
club in Halifax-East Hants County
was selected to attend the Kevin
Grant Memorial Leadership tour
along with nine other members
across the province. The delegates
will travel to Cumberland County
during March break this year to
learn about the industries and
museums that operate within the
area.

Upcoming 4-H Meetings:

Halifax East-Hants Leaders Council
meetings: March 22 (Eastern
Passage), and April 19 (Middle
Musquodoboit Forestry Complex).
All beginning at 7 p.m.

Colchester County Leaders Council
meetings: February 28, March 28
and April 25. All are upstairs in the
Agridome and begin at 7 p.m.

Cumberland County Leaders Council
meetings: March 1 and April 5.
Both are at the Shinimicas Fire Hall
beginning at 8 p.m.

Public Speaking and Demonstration Rallies:

Cumberland County, Halifax East-
Hants County and Colchester
County rallies are on Saturday,
March 26, 2011.

The Central Region Public Speaking
and Demonstration Rally will be
April 16 at the North River
Elementary School.

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

Jacqueline Hoyt at 893-6586 or
hoytjm@gov.ns.ca . Jacqueline is
the Agriculture and 4-H leadership
coordinator for the Central Region.

Growing Your Farm Profits Baddeck, March 2, 2011

Growing Your Farm Profits is a dynamic workshop that has been made possible by the Canadian Farm Business Management Council and the Department of Agriculture's Business Development and Economics branch. They are very pleased to host this event and there is no cost to attend.

The program was developed and delivered in Ontario for the past two years. It was attended by new and existing dairy producers, other supply managed commodities, beef, sheep and fruit producers and

small scale agriculture businesses. Based on the evaluation of the participants, they all found this to be a very beneficial workshop and contributed to the success and future of their operations.

The workshop will be held on March 2 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Inverary Inn in Baddeck. Ten participants are required to move forward with the sessions and you are encouraged to attend. Please call the Department of Agriculture, Business Development and Economics office at 893-6580 to confirm your attendance.

Nova Scotia Tractor Safety Certification Program - Mabou

Nova Scotia Agricultural College is pleased to offer the Nova Scotia Tractor Safety Program in Inverness County from April 30-May 1. If you have a Class 3, 5 or 8 drivers license you can be eligible to get a condition 15 endorsement on your license if you successfully complete this course.

This course will increase the awareness and test competency of drivers with regards to safe operation and use of farm tractors and implements. Topics such as safety, highway regulations, pre-operation checks, safe starts and stops and connecting and hauling various implements will be covered.

Please note: This course is not intended to teach tractor driving.

All participants must have at least 10 hours of supervised tractor driving experience before taking this course.

This course is limited to 12 participants so register early to reserve your spot!

Upcoming Food Handler Courses

Sydney
February 23, Grand Lake Road Fire Hall (*FULL*)

March 29, Bras d'Or Hall, 24 Villa Drive, Bras d'Or

March 30, Grand Lake Road Fire Hall (*FULL*)

April 12, Grand Lake Road Fire Hall

Artificial Insemination - Refresher Session

Attention Beef and Dairy Producers - Sign up now for an artificial insemination refresher course to be held in Cape Breton this March. Session topics may include breeding kit and components, estrus cycle, insemination procedure, nitrogen tank and its care, record keeping, sanitation, semen handling and quality assurance and heat detection overview.

This workshop will appeal to beginners or experts and all are invited to participate.

Date and location will be announced based on registration. Register now by contacting Catherine at 563-2000 or by writing to plumricl@gov.ns.ca. Please register by February 25.



April 26, Bras d'Or Hall, 24 Villa Drive, Bras d'Or

If you wish to register please contact Catherine at the Department of Agriculture office in Sydney at 563-2000. Registration forms can be downloaded and printed from this link: <http://gov.ns.ca/agri/foodsafety/pdfs/FoodHandlerSyd.pdf>.

4-H 2011 - "From County, Town to Every Place, We See 4-H".

The 4-H communities are starting another calendar year and are looking forward to an exciting and rewarding program. Many programs are looking at helping our members and leaders to grow in the areas of agri-awareness, leadership, meeting management, communications and project skills. These opportunities are making the future a great place for rural youth in the Cape Breton region. This year's theme seen above highlights the efforts of 4-H in the province in 2011. The 4-H program is changing to meet the demands of communities by assisting the next generation of leaders. Leaders, parents and staff are working hard to extent the benefits of the program to all youth in the province.

Small Steps, Great Distances 4-H Workshop

4-H junior members from all over Cape Breton will be having junior member workshop sessions. Our last session will be at the North Sydney Community Center on Friday, February 25. These workshops will give our junior members and cloverbuds time to polish their skills and help them through their 4-H year. The workshops will focus on hands-on activities and lots of opportunities to meet other members. Topics include learning about judging, food safety and agriculture through games, speakers and recreation activities. The workshops are open to 4-H members aged seven to 13 years old. In case of bad weather, cancellations will be aired on local radio stations.

Atlantic Intermediate Member's Conference - Take the 4-H Challenge

The Atlantic conference is a dynamic mix of powerful speakers and interactive activities that will challenge intermediate members to meet rural youth from all over the Atlantic provinces. Members will explore what it means to be a "teenagent" of communication, innovation and change. The conference will take place at the Debert Hospitality Centre in Debert from February 25-27 for members aged 12 to 15 years. Stay tuned to applicant winners from our region.

Rally Time

Public speaking is one of the most important skills 4-H rural youth can learn. It will serve them well in school, university, interviews, community volunteer organizations and careers. Throughout March and April, members across the island will be improving their speaking skills at club, county and regional rallies. Every year, members get an opportunity to work on their public speaking skills. At these events, members will do public speaking, demonstrations, poster competitions and Host and Hostess Competitions. 4-H members are divided into categories based on age. Score sheets and guidelines for participating members are available in the general leader kit or on the provincial 4-H website. This component of the 4-H program promotes life-long communication skills and builds confidence. 4-H members compete at club, county, regional and

provincial levels. All events are open to the general public and families are encouraged to promote these events in their communities. Watch for these dates on your 4-H calendar.

4-H Camp Rankin Spotlight

Bordering the Bras d'Or Lakes at Cape George, eight miles from St. Peter's, Camp Rankin is situated on 60 acres of land. This is our 4-H camp and its held many memories over the years. The camp features a large playing field, campfire hearth, hiking trails and a beach. Camp Rankin is the first 4-H camp to be built in Atlantic Canada. 4-H members between the ages of nine and 15 spend six fun-filled days with fellow 4-H'ers. There are a variety of educational activities for campers. In addition, 4- H'ers are responsible for housekeeping chores. Each day ends with a chapel service by the camp- fire, sing-song and lunch. What members can learn at camp include sessions on drama, nature studies, 4-H trivia, canoeing, recreation activities, arts and crafts and much more.

Applications are available from your general leader, local 4-H office or online. Acceptance is on a first-come, first-served basis, so apply early! Members can apply for any camp week. The application deadline is May 1.

Kevin Grant Rural Youth Leadership Tour 2011

The Kevin Lewis Grant Rural Memorial Youth Leadership Tour will be hosted for this year in the Cumberland region. Kevin Grant, a long time 4-H participant, public servant and avid supporter of the Nova Scotia's 4-H program, has provided a significant endowment to the Nova Scotia's 4-H foundation to assist with rural youth development. This tour will be held March 14-16.

Congratulations to Courtney Schmidt of Port Hood Island View, Inverness Co., and Emma Simpson of North side, Cape Breton Co., who were awarded this opportunity by demonstrating outstanding 4-H knowledge and dedication.

Nova Scotia 4-H Water Challenge

Is your 4-H club concerned about the environment and water quality in your community? Well, we have a challenge for you! Tuesday, March 22 is World Water Day and we are challenging 4-H clubs across the province to create a community service project to celebrate the importance of protecting the water around us.

Clubs participating will be recognized for their environmental stewardship. Sign up now and the projects you do are only limited by your club's imagination. Reporting of your event must be passed in by this date. This project is a partnership between the Department of Environment and Nova Scotia 4-H Council. Prizes will be given to the top three clubs in each region. First prize is \$300, second prize is \$125 and third prize is \$75.

Dates to Mark on Your Calendar

- February 25, junior member workshop, North Sydney exhibition grounds
- February 25-27, Atlantic intermediate members workshop, Debert March 15,
- April 5, Cape Breton Co. council meeting, Civic Center at 7 p.m.
- March Camp Rankin Job Opportunity- March 15. Deadline for applications
- E.B.I deadline - March 31.
- Camp Rankin Scholarship - April 1 deadline
- Victoria Co. Rally- April 2 - Baddeck Forks Hall
- Cape Breton Co. Rally- April 9 -hosted by Grand Mira 4-H
- Inverness Co. Rally- April 2 - hosted by South West Mabou
- Cape Breton Regional Rally- April 16 - Baddeck- 10 a.m.
- Nova Scotia Tractor Safety Certification Program- April 30 -May 1 - Mabou
- 4-H Camp Rankin deadline applications - May 1
- 4-H Weekend -May 6-7- Agricultural College- Truro-application due Monday, April 18
- Field to Farm (Slow Foods Workshop) - May 14 - Port Hawksbury
- Royal Dairy Classic Pre registration forms -due May 15 (attached to dairy newsletter)
- CB County Judging Day- May 17 - North Sydney
- CB County Horse Judging Day - May 18 - to be announced
- Nova Scotia 4-H Pro-Show - Sept 30 - October 2 - Truro

Feel free to contact your regional Agricultural and 4-H Leadership Coordinator if you have any concerns or questions about the 4-H program in the region at 945-2901 (Mabou office) or 563-2000 (Sydney office).

Reminder

The deadline for submitting claims under this year's Farm Investment Fund program is March 1.

The Antigonish/Guysborough Federation of Agriculture has recently set up an email address for you to communicate with them. antguysfa@gmail.com.

Local Food Movement

The Antigonish Food Security Coalition, along with the Antigonish Sustainability Development community engagement network (ASD), hosted a meeting on January 27 to discuss local food security. There was an excellent turnout of community members, partners involved in promoting local food, the Antigonish/Guysborough Federation of Agriculture and local farmers. Presentations were made by the coalition, ASD, Department of Agriculture, AgraPoint, a local producer, VOICES, the Farmers Market and StFX Service Learning. Those in attendance were challenged to come up with ideas

to help the organizations increase their volunteer base allowing for expansion of current local food initiatives (e.g. community food box, community gardens) and to suggest ways to secure financial resources in support of local food initiatives. There was excellent discussion and enthusiasm for what is currently happening in the community, real life producer stories and the need to educate the general public. If you are interested in a description of the participating organizations and their contact information please call the office at 863-4705 or write to boydll@gov.ns.ca.

Do You Have the Proper Drivers License?

If you are hauling any trailer (with a truck or tractor) with a combination over 14,000 kg you need a Condition 23 endorsement. For example, your tractor and liquid manure tanker may fit in this category.

If you are hauling any trailer (with a truck or tractor) that has a weight over 4,500 kg you need a Condition 15 Endorsement on your license to legally drive on Nova Scotia roads. These regulations do apply to Class 5 license. If you are interested in obtaining these endorsements please contact your local Department of Agriculture office at 863-4705 or e-mail boydll@gov.ns.ca. We will arrange a date and place for the testing to

take place. Once a testing date is set the following process must take place for each condition.

Process For Condition 15:

Purchase a road test receipt which costs \$47.68 (HST incl.) This can be purchased at an Access Nova Scotia Center or online at <http://gov.ns.ca/snsmr/rmv/licence>

Process For Condition 23:

Complete a Condition 23 application prior to testing.

Have a driver's medical exam completed by your doctor

Purchase a road test receipt which costs \$46.85 (HST incl.). This can be purchased at an Access Nova Scotia Center or online at <http://gov.ns.ca/snsmr/rmv/licence>.

You must register with the Department of Agriculture office in Antigonish first and have a valid drivers license ("N" removed) to be eligible for testing. The Condition 23 application form, the form for the medical exam and more information is available by calling Lauren Boyd at 863-4705.

Take advantage of this opportunity to have this organized for you!

Regional Development Authorities working with Agriculture

Antigonish Regional Development Authority

A master plan for the Antigonish Exhibition grounds commissioned by the Antigonish Regional Development Authority in cooperation with the Municipality of the County of Antigonish and the Town of Antigonish was released last fall. Stakeholders in the exhibition grounds, such as the Federation of Agriculture, 4-H, Farmers Market and other community groups, were invited to a workshop that challenged their needs and the opportunities for the space. The vision is one of multi-functional community space. The reports states, "This master plan builds upon the agricultural heritage of the site, enhancing its functionality to create an epicenter of community use that can be implemented in stages, is strongly linked to the community, and is appropriate to the needs and wishes of its many users." The plan includes an indoor multi-use facility for use by community groups or the farmers market, additional barn space for the exhibition or various agricultural-based community groups, an outdoor plaza space for community events, festivals, a skate park and a public walking loop. The plan is exciting and visionary for the area and in particular the agricultural community. Anyone wishing to review the master plan can do so at www.antigonishrda.ns.ca or contact ARDA Development Officer, Alisha Grant at 863-3330. The Antigonish/Guysborough Federation of Agriculture also welcomes your comments on the plan at antguysfa@gmail.com.

Pictou Regional Development Agency

Creating a vision and finding a made-in-Pictou County solution for agriculture benefits everyone. The Pictou Regional Development Agency has been working with farmers, municipal partners, public health and the Department of Agriculture to develop a vision and define opportunities for local agriculture. A series of meetings were held over the past few months in which current skills and assets were recognized and

evaluated resulting in considerable ideas for the industry being generated. There are opportunities in Pictou County and local farm leaders are now working to move these forward. We look forward to the input and participation from the farmers at upcoming meetings. To create change we must act and now is the time for Pictou County to regain its place as a leading agriculture community. For more information please contact Kelly MacVicar, PRDA Rural Community Development Officer at 1-888-412-0072 ext 224.

Pesticide Certification and Recertification Course Schedule 2011

Date	Area	Course	Location
February 17	Nappan	Recertification	Nappan Pavillion
February 21/22	Kentville	Certification	Coldbrook Wandlyn
February 23/24	Truro	Certification	AgriTech Park
March 3	Truro	Recertification	AgriTech Park
March 17	Stellarton	Recertification	Museum of Industry
April 7	Bridgewater	Recertification	Wandlyn Bridgewater

Certification courses are for those who want to obtain a pesticide license. Courses are two days in length and both days run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost for certification is \$185, which includes the cost of the manual.

Recertification courses are for those who want to earn points towards maintaining an existing license. Recertification courses run from 9.30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For recertification, please bring your valid pesticide license. Cost for recertification is \$75.

For more information or to register

for one of these courses please contact:

Traci Curry at 897-0276 or email tlcurry@bellaliant.net. Please bring a calculator, pens and pencils, paper and reading glasses to the course if needed.

If you would like to challenge the exam without taking the training session, it is acceptable. Arrangements to do so can to be made with Brad Skinner, Department of Environment at 667-6205. The exam will be proctored by a Department of Environment staff member.

4-H News

Eastern Region Hosting 4-H Provincial Show

The 2011 4-H Provincial Show will be held from Friday, September 30 to Sunday, October 2 at the Truro Exhibition grounds. This year the show is being hosted by the Eastern 4-H Region (Antigonish, Guysborough and Pictou counties). Chairs for this event are Brian Sharpe and Cathy Lavers. There are a number of committees formed and plans are already being made. The committee has decided on a fundraiser and tickets are printed. The tickets are on a John Deere lawn tractor (1st prize), a generator (2nd prize) and a barbeque (3rd prize). The prizes have been generously donated by MacLeods and Green Diamond, Strait Way Kia and Yamaha and Central Supplies. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, please contact your local 4-H members and leaders.

Getting ready for the 4-H provincial show is a huge task. The committees will be meeting and planning in the coming weeks and months. If you are interested in helping out in any way you can contact your local 4-H club general leader. Many hands make for light work!

Dates to remember

Antigonish

March 8: 4-H Council meeting, 7 p.m.
April 2: Antigonish County 4-H rally - 9 a.m. at AEC
April 12: 4-H Council meeting, 7 p.m.

Pictou

February 23: 4-H Council meeting, 7 p.m.
March 23: 4-H Council meeting, 7 p.m.
March 25: Pictou County 4-H rally, 6 p.m., Northumberland Regional High School
April 26: 4-H Council meeting, 7 p.m.

Regional dates

April 19: Regional rally, 6 p.m., Northumberland Regional High School

Upcoming Sessions and Meetings

Cost of Production Workshop

March 3, Rudders Seafood
Restaurant, Yarmouth

Workshop runs from 5:30 to 6:30
p.m., break and 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
There is no registration fee but
registration is required as seating
is limited. Call Gina Saulnier at
638-2395 to register.

Food Safety Courses

Shelburne – March 8, May 3
Kentville – March 9, April 20, May
11, June 15
Bridgewater – March 10, May 5,
June 14
Yarmouth – March 14, April 19,
May 24
Lawrencetown – April 6
Digby – April 12, June 1
Three Mile Plains – May 26



E-Mail Communications

The Western regional office is
setting up e-mail distribution lists
for newsletters, meeting notices
and other correspondence. If you
would like to receive such items by
e-mail rather than in paper form,
please contact Gina Saulnier at
saunigl@gov.ns.ca .

Disposal of Used Farm Sharps



The Department of
Agriculture office in
Cornwallis Park has
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. To obtain one
of these containers call Gina
Saulnier at 638-2395 or drop by
our office at 86 Atlantic Avenue,
Cornwallis Park.

Western Region 4-H Update

March Events

March 5: CPR/First Aid, Annapolis
County
March 9: Annapolis County 4-H
Leaders Council
March 11-13: Chat-a-rama
March 14-16: Kevin Grant Tour
March 16: Yarmouth County 4-H
Leaders Council
March 17: Digby County 4-H
Leaders Council

April Events

April 2: Annapolis County Rally
April 3: Yarmouth County Rally
April 13: Annapolis County 4-H
Leaders Council
April 16: Western Regional 4-H
Rally, Lawrencetown
April 20: Yarmouth County 4-H
Leaders Council
April 21: Digby County 4-H
Leaders Council

Please contact Jean Ward at 638-2387 or wardje@gov.ns.ca for more
information. Jean is located at the Department of Agriculture's Western
office, 86 Atlantic Avenue, PO Box 278, Cornwallis Park, NS, B0S 1H0.