

AGNEWS



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Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture

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Local Days at Your Local Sobeys

Nova Scotia farms provide consumers with a bounty of fresh, seasonal produce. Over the summer Sobeys partnered with Select Nova Scotia to celebrate local grown goodness and create *Local Days* at your local Sobeys.



By partnering with Sobeys, farmers are able to showcase the quality and variety of products that they grow. Consumers learn to identify food that is locally grown and its location within the store.

At six events held in different locations across the province strawberries and mixed crops were featured. These events have given consumers the opportunity to meet the farmers that grow their food, sample farm fresh produce, get meal ideas, ask questions and support local producers when filling their grocery cart.

Three more events promoting apples, will round out this promotion September 12 -14 at Sobeys stores in New Minas, Bridgewater and Greenwood. Farmers will be at pop-up produce stands within the stores. People will be able to taste and learn where the food came from and how it is grown. Sobeys chefs and staff will also prepare samples.

Check out this promotion and buy local! More information is available at www.selectnovascotia.ca.

Nova Scotia 4-H Show

September 26 – 28, 2014

Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Grounds, Bible Hill



Nova Scotia Crop and Livestock Insurance Commission

AgriInsurance

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

The deadline for planting is:

- October 7 for Annapolis, Kings and Hants West counties (Zone 1)
- September 30 for Colchester, Hants East, and Halifax (Zone 2)
- September 20 for the rest of the province (Zone 3).

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

Applications Deadlines

- Winter Grain - August 31
- Forage Establishment - October 15
- Raspberry - October 31
- Strawberries - November 14
- Blueberries - November 30
- Tree Fruit - November 30
- Tree Fruit/Trees - December 1

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

- Strawberry - September 15
- Winter Grain - September 15
- Raspberry - October 31
- Tree Insurance - November 14
- Tree Fruit - November 30
- Tree Fruit/Trees - December 1
- Blueberry - December 15

Crops Covered by NS AgriInsurance

- Strawberries - June bearing and Day Neutral
- Blueberries - Lowbush and Highbush Raspberries
- Potatoes - Table, Processing and Seed
- Corn - Silage and Grain
- Soybean - Soybean, Canola, Sunflowers
- Spring Grain - Barley, Oat, Mixed Grain, Feed Wheat, Milling Wheat
- Winter Grain - Feed Wheat, Milling Wheat, Rye, Triticale
- Maple Syrup
- Vegetables - Broccoli, Brussel Sprouts, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Carrots (Fresh and Processing), Lettuce, Onions, Parsnip, Rutabagas, Winter Squash
- Forage Establishment
- Forage Weather Derivative
- Tree Fruit - Apples, Pears, Peaches
- Tree Endorsement - Apple and Pear

Problems with Harvest?

AgriInsurance clients who experience problems or delays at harvest are reminded of their obligation to advise the Commission promptly (within five days) with a Notice of Damage. You must provide the Commission with a Notice of Damage when:

- Anytime you believe your crop may be reduced as a result of an insurable peril.
- You think your crop will be reduced due to harvesting delays as a result of an insurable peril.
- You note a reduction in yield due to an insurable peril once you complete harvest. (Must be reported within five days of harvest)
- Your harvest could or does extend past the end of the crop insurance crop year end date (See dates below).

Failure to provide this reporting could result in the denial of any claim for losses to your crop. When in doubt report your concerns to the Commission office.

AgriInsurance - Crop Year End Dates:

- Strawberry - August 31
- Winter Grain - August 31
- Lowbush Blueberry - September 15
- Highbush Blueberry - September 25
- Spring Grain - September 30
- Soybeans - November 1
- Corn - November 15
- Vegetable - November 15
- Tree Fruit - November 30
- Tree Fruit/Trees - December 1
- Potato - December 2

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Experiencing Wildlife Damage?

The Canada-Nova Scotia Wildlife Compensation program may be able to help cover some of the losses from damage to crops or livestock. For more details visit our website or call one of our offices.

For further information on any of our insurance plans, contact the Nova Scotia Crop and Livestock Insurance Commission 1-800-565-6371, 902-893-6370 Truro, or 902-679-6028/6015 Kentville, or visit our website <http://novascotia.ca/agri/ci>.



Mark Your Calendars

Perennia will be hosting a Cape John community pasture field day on Tuesday, September 9. Beautiful pastures, a grass-fed barbecue lunch and a fantastic agenda.

Come on out and have a look and a listen. For more information visit www.perennia.ca

Upcoming Perennia Food Safety Training:

Canadian Ingredient Labelling

Date: September 18, 2014

Fee: \$930.00 + HST

Location: Truro

Registration Deadline: September 5, 2014

HACCP II: Developing Your HACCP Plans

Date: September 30, October 1, and 2, 2014

Fee: \$1,205.00 + HST

Location: Truro

Registration Deadline: September 16, 2014

Spotted Wing Drosophila

Spotted Wing Drosophila (SWD) monitoring has begun throughout the province for 2014. Low levels have been caught in isolated places in the Annapolis valley as of July 20. This is well ahead of previous years, so farmers of soft fruit should be monitoring closely to determine if they need to treat on their farm. If you have questions contact your crop specialist at Perennia for some guidance, or refer to this factsheet.

(http://www.perennia.ca/Fact%20Sheets/IPM/General/SWD%20factsheet_May2014.pdf)



New Non-Ruminant Specialist Announced

Perennia Food and Agriculture Inc. has announced the appointment of Heather McLean as its new Non-Ruminant Specialist focusing on the poultry, mink and hog sectors.

“Heather brings a wealth of experience and a terrific network of industry contacts to the position,” said Bill Thomas, Perennia's Director of Extension who oversees the company's team of production specialists. “These sectors are very important to the agriculture industry and the provincial economy, and we are really pleased to have found such a talented specialist to work with these producers and industry associations.”

McLean was a field representative at ACA Co-operative Ltd. for nine years working directly with member-owners. Prior to that she was a poultry specialist with the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture. Most recently she worked as an agricultural consultant. She has a B.Sc. in Animal Science from the former Nova Scotia Agricultural College and an M.Sc. in Poultry Nutrition from the University of Manitoba.

Her specialty areas include nutrition, production and animal husbandry, bird quality improvements, researching/applying practical innovative management techniques, and general business management issues including human resource and financial.

“I am really looking forward to working with poultry, mink and hog producers,” says McLean. “I am passionate about agriculture and discussing and executing forward-thinking yet practical ideas that help producers grow their businesses.”

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McLean, who grew up on a hog farm in Newfoundland, is excited to reconnect with the poultry industry, and introduce herself to hog and mink producers. “Mink will be new to me, but I am really looking forward to applying the skills I have to that sector, and learning new ones.”

McLean will be based at Perennia's Kentville-based office at the Atlantic Food and Horticulture Research Centre on Main Street. She can be reached at 902 678-7722, 902 670-5002 (mobile) and at hmclean@perennia.ca

McLean fills the position vacated by long-time non-ruminant specialist Alex Oderkirk who retired in December 2013.



EXHIBITIONS ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA

2014 Exhibition and Community Fair Dates

Exhibition Name	2014
South Shore Exhibition Bridgewater	July 22 - 27
Western Nova Scotia Exhibition Yarmouth	July 29 - August 2
Shelburne County Exhibition Shelburne	August 5 - 9
Annapolis Valley Exhibition Lawrencetown	August 11 - 16
Cape Breton County Exhibition North Sydney	August 11 - 16
Halifax County Exhibition Middle Musquodoboit	August 13 - 16
Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Truro/Bible Hill	August 19 - 23
Digby County Exhibition Bear River	August 20 - 23
Cumberland County Exhibition Oxford	August 26 - 30
Eastern Nova Scotia Exhibition Antigonish	August 27 - 31
Pictou/North Colchester Exhibition Pictou	September 3 - 7
Hants County Exhibition Windsor	September 12 - 14 September 19 - 21
Queens County Exhibition Caledonia	September 16 - 20
Nova Scotia 4-H Show Bible Hill	September 26 - 28
Maritime Fall Fair Halifax	October 9 - 13
COMMUNITY FAIRS	
Date	
New Ross Community Fair Lunenburg County	August 15 - 16
Barrington Municipal Exhibition Shelburne County	August 14 - 17
Dalhousie Community Fair Kings County	August 23
West Kings Community Fair Tremont, Kings County	August 30
Victoria County Fair Victoria County	September 6
Christmas Island Fair Cape Breton County	September 6
Mira Ferry Community Fair Cape Breton County	September 13
Port Morien Fair Cape Breton County	September 13

Extended Learning at the Faculty of Agriculture

2014 Fall Courses

Fall is shaping up to be a busy time at Extended Learning! With a variety of training opportunities planned, including composting, wild pollinators and sheep, we are pleased to share our list of 2014 fall courses. For more information please contact us at 902-893-6666.

September

Technology Education Program

Hands-on experiences and teaching methodologies that strengthen traditional skills and introduce new technologies to train qualified technology educators for the public school system. Core courses are conducted on campus outside regular school hours in evenings or summer sessions. New intake September, 2014.

Specialization in Organic Agriculture

Compliment your degree or build your resume by specializing in the expanding area of organic agriculture. The required courses are all available online.

**Registration is open for the
September start.**

The Modern Beekeeper

The Modern Beekeeper is a hands-on production course consisting of four modules timed with the annual beekeeping cycle. Expect to gain valuable information and contacts in the classroom and see firsthand, the skills needed to be a successful beekeeper. ***On campus Module 4: Bee Maintenance and Business Growth, September 13 - 14, 2014.***

On-Farm Composting

This practical training course will enable participants to safely manage waste on the farm. The course has been designed to showcase best practices in waste management (deadstock or other organic waste). This course meets the requirements of the Nova Scotia Fur Industry Act and Fur Industry regulations. ***Perennia Park, September 17 and 18, 2014. Apply by August 19!***

The Modern Shepherd

Four on-campus modules deliver hands-on activities and tours that give insight into all aspects of raising sheep. Module 1: Husbandry, Handling, and Pastures, September 26 and 27. ***Apply by September 2nd!***

Wild Pollinator Habitat Enhancement Workshop

Blueberry and apple producers, gain insight on the importance of wild bees to fruit production, their economic benefits and biology, nest requirements as well as strategies for managing blueberry fields and orchards for wild bees.

Delivered in PEI, this workshop is open to all blueberry and apple producers. September 29 and 30, 2014. Apply by September 2nd!

October

Master Gardener Training

Learn with other gardeners who share a passion for horticulture and are dedicated to growing their knowledge to share with their community. The Master Gardener training program consists of four independent-study classes available online, and a one-week, on-site summer school. ***New courses starting October, 2014.***

Need Pesticide Re-Certification Points?

Integrated Pest Management Update for Farmers, On-Campus, October 9, 2014

Integrated Pest Management Update for Landscapers, On-Campus, October 10, 2014

Pesticide Certification

This course is excellent preparation if you are writing the Pesticide Applicator's Examination. You will learn the basic principles and practices of safe use, handling and storage of pesticides. ***On campus October 28 - 31, 2014.***

November

Introductory Welding

As a beginner to the art of welding, you will learn theory, technique and shop practice for arc welding. You'll also get hands-on experience as you work on projects from start to finish.

On campus offering

November 17, 19, 24, 26

December 1 and 3 (6 – 9:00 p.m.).

The Modern Shepherd

Four on-campus modules deliver hands-on activities and tours that give insight into all aspects of raising sheep. Module 2: Nutrition and Breeding, November 7 and 8. Apply by October 14!

Extended Learning

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4-H Provincial News



37th Annual Nova Scotia 4-H Show To Be Held in Bible Hill

4-H members are looking forward to one special event this fall - The Nova Scotia 4-H Show. The 37th annual provincial event, and the largest 4-H Show in Canada, takes place September 26 - 28, 2014. Hosted at the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Grounds in Bible Hill, this annual family event offers something for everyone and is an excellent opportunity for the public to interactively experience the 4-H youth leadership program.

At this provincial event 40 projects, 90 classes, and 2400 entries are expected to be displayed! 4-H members are eligible to compete at this event after achieving top honours at a local exhibition with their life skills or livestock projects.

Nova Scotia has a very active 4-H program and all the exhibitors at the provincial 4-H show are 4-H members from 9 - 21 years of age.

4-H alumni often comment on the impact the program has had on them and identify leadership and youth development as the most important goals of 4-H.

Jacob Works, a 20-year-old 4-H member from the Clifton Club in Colchester County was employed as the 4-H summer assistant with the Department of Agriculture in Truro this summer. "No other organization can offer the same caliber of leadership development for our youth than 4-H can," said Jacob. "I have led societies, founded clubs, and I have taken an active role on provincial and national boards. I credit my achievements to the success of the Nova Scotia 4-H program."

Each year a county or region hosts the 4-H Show and this year the Eastern Region 4-H Leaders Councils (Antigonish, Pictou and Guysborough) have the responsibility of making site arrangements, providing security, fundraising and promotion.

Highlights of the Nova Scotia 4-H Show include various livestock classes, market animal auctions, fashion show, dog obedience and handling trials, tug-of-war, cake decorating competition, grand champion showmanship class, and dairy and beef cattle selections for the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto.

The Nova Scotia 4-H Show is open to the public and admission is free. 4-H families and the general public are invited to attend this event to view the livestock and life skills learned by 4-H members across the province. Competitions begin Friday, September 26 and end on Sunday, September 28.

A 4-H Show schedule is available at:
<http://novascotia.ca/agri/programs-and-services/educational-resources/4h/provincial-events/>

Celebrate 4-H Month this November

November is 4-H Month in Canada! The month-long celebration is an opportunity for 4-H clubs to promote the program. 4-H Canada's recipe for success builds responsible, caring and contributing young people who are empowered to be successful through a supportive structure.

In November clubs across the country will promote the technical, leadership and life skills that are taught to young people in 4-H. 4-H supporters can show their support by wearing green on National Show Your 4-H Colours Day, November 5.

Nova Scotia has more than 2,400 members, from 9 - 21 years of age, in 87 clubs. In 2013, 4-H members completed approximately 4,472 individual projects with the support of 900 leaders. Nova Scotia has the largest 4-H youth membership east of Ontario.

The 4-H program still has an agriculture base but prides itself with developing projects to meet the needs of modern youth. Nova Scotia has several urban clubs and 4-H members can choose from over 40 projects while learning to do by doing.

4-H alumni credit the 4-H program with helping them to building teamwork and interpersonal skills; learn leadership and decision making skills; develop public speaking and presentation skills; build self-confidence; become involved in their communities and sharpen their employment skills.

For more information about National 4-H Month and a national contest happening during November visit the 4-H Canada website in August at: www.4-hcanada.ca

More information about the Nova Scotia 4-H program is available at www.novascotia.ca/agri/4h

Nova Scotia Delegates To Attend National 4-H Canada Members Conference

Twelve 4-H members from Nova Scotia have been selected to attend the annual National 4-H Canada Members Conference in Toronto November 5 - 9, sponsored by the Canadian 4-H Council.

The National 4-H Canada Members Conference is a five day leadership and agricultural based program for 4-H members 16 - 21 years old. Eighty-five 4-H members from across Canada will attend the conference. This event, like the whole 4-H program, focuses on developing caring, responsible, confident citizens that make a positive difference in their communities.

4-H members that are 16 years and older can apply for this trip and are chosen through an application and interview process.

The Nova Scotia members who are travelling to this conference are:

- Bryan Berk, Baddeck, Victoria County;
- Allyson Evans, Wilmot, Annapolis County;
- Courtney George, Westville and Brianne Sutherland, Lyons Brook, Pictou County;
- Taylor Giffen - Milford, Halifax County;
- Emma Rose MacLean, Sydney Mines, Cape Breton County;
- Danica McCormack, Yarmouth, Yarmouth County;
- Serena Meaney, Mahone Bay, Lunenburg County;
- James O'Connell - Middle Stewiacke, Colchester County;
- Scott Withrow, Upper Rawdon; Brooke McNeil, Hantsport; Logan Menzies, Berwick, Hants County

Throughout the week, 4-H members will explore relevant issues on the topics of environment and healthy living developing a forum for discussion on leadership and change. The delegates are scheduled to tour environmental centres around Toronto, spend one day discussing options for healthy living and another at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

Nova Scotia 4-H Council Hires Executive Director

The Nova Scotia 4-H Council has hired its first Executive Director, Diane MacDougall who began on July 14, 2014.

Diane's work experience includes sales, marketing and fund development. She was the Director of Marketing and Fund Development with the Nova Scotia SPCA, and most recently was the Senior Development Officer at the Mental Health Foundation of NS.

The Nova Scotia 4-H Council is very excited about this new endeavour and believes with this new leadership, 4-H in Nova Scotia will continue to grow for years to come.

The Nova Scotia 4-H Council office is located in the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture office in the Annapolis Building, 60 Research Drive, Perennia Park, Bible Hill, NS.

CIBC 4-H Post-Secondary Education Scholarships Awarded

Two 4-H members from Nova Scotia are recipients of CIBC 4-H Post-Secondary Scholarships. Lindsay MacCormick, West River 4-H Club, Antigonish and Branden Nelson, Salt Springs 4-H Club, Pictou County were awarded scholarships worth \$1,000 each.

The scholarships were open to 4-H members planning to pursue a post-secondary education in the field of engineering, arts, science, business or health in the fall of 2014.

Branden Nelson has been in 4-H for nine years and has learned many skills through her involvement in 4-H. "My experiences with 4-H has helped me to be a better public speaker as well as given me opportunities to make lifelong friendships. Just recently, I got word that all my hard work and dedication has paid off as I was awarded a scholarship from CIBC/ 4-H Canada." Branden goes on to say "I was fortunate to be one of eight 4-H members across Canada that were chosen for this award. All in all, I am proud of my accomplishments and I want to encourage individuals to become a part of the 4-H program."

A selection committee that included 4-H youth representatives, a CIBC employee and 4-H Canada staff, reviewed the submissions.

Please check the 4-H Canada website for more scholarship opportunities at <http://apply.4-h-canada.ca>.

Enter the 4-H Show FCC Record Keeping Competition!

Record keeping is one of the skills that 4-H members learn while taking a project. 4-H members keep track of what they've learned in the project, the meetings attended, costs of the project and how they would improve their performance for another year.

At the Nova Scotia 4-H Show members can enter the Record Keeping Competition, sponsored by Farm Credit Canada. This competition is open to the top two junior and top two senior 4-H member record sheets selected from each county.

Prizes are: *1st - \$100; 2nd - \$50; 3rd - \$25*

The objectives of this provincial competition is:

- To teach the 4-H members to be brief, concise, and accurate in their record keeping system.
- To teach 4-H members to draw conclusions and practical information from the data that they have collected in a 4-H record keeping system.

All 4-H members enrolled in a project are eligible to enter. Their submission should contain accurate and concise records on their 4-H project/s of the current 4-H year.

The records for each project are important, but more importantly the 4-H members have to display some system or method of analysis. The analysis should be 1-5 pages in length.

For example: If the member was a good garden member, he/she could determine his/her cost of product per unit versus the purchase price of the same unit. He/she could also list alternatives that could affect the product sold.

The same type of analysis could apply to any project.

Records should be clearly tagged, with the tag firmly attached and exhibited in a duo tang folder. Only the standard record sheet plus the one additional sheet for meeting records and the analysis can be entered for judging. Excess material will cause the entry to be disqualified. (Projects requiring extra sheets will not be disqualified).

Please contact the Agriculture Leadership Coordinator in your region for the county deadline for record sheet submissions. All entries have to be submitted to Truro on or before September 17. Records will be judged prior to the Nova Scotia 4-H Show.

During the Nova Scotia 4-H Show, record books will be on display and the winners will be presented with the prize money during the awards presentations on Saturday evening.





Meet Your Farmer at the Mall

August 22 - 23, 2014
Mic Mac Mall, Dartmouth

Back-to-school shopping will be interrupted by the sounds of farm animals again this year. Busy shoppers at Mic Mac Mall in Dartmouth may be surprised to see sheep in the parking lot and apple pressing in the Bay Court. They will want to stop to sample quick and healthy menu items at the Select Nova Scotia demo booth. And that's just the beginning.

Meet Your Farmer at the Mall brings together commodity groups and rural organizations to give urban families a chance to learn about local farmers and Nova Scotia agriculture.

Information booths and demos run from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. each day. Visit www.meetyourfarmer.ca for more information.

This event also provides a great opportunity to promote Open Farm Day, September 21. This annual event is growing each year with 50 farms participating in Nova Scotia. For a list of the 2014 farms involved in Open Farm Day check out <http://www.meetyourfarmer.ca/openfarmday/>

In 2013 over 18,000 Nova Scotians took the time to visit a farm to see where their food comes from.



Farmer for a Day

September 23 - 25, 2014
Cole Harbour Heritage Farm Museum, Cole Harbour

How many school field trips let kids meet a full grown rooster up close? Or scratch a piglet behind the ear? Or learn about plowing a field so that a heavy rain will not carry soil into the brook? All this without leaving the city. Farmer for a Day asks kids to think like a farmer during eight interactive sessions at the Cole Harbour Heritage Farm. This farm site has been in production since 1880 when it supplied the young city of Halifax with meat and produce.

Grade 3 students and their teachers will learn about agriculture in Nova Scotia from experts on topics from bee-keeping to Christmas trees and much more.

Meet Your Farmer-at the Mall, Open Farm Day and Farmer for a Day are all supported by the Agricultural Awareness stream of Growing Forward 2 – a federal-provincial-territorial initiative. Their success hinges on volunteers from the farming community. Please consider participating in these and future events.

For more information contact:
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Nova Scotia Farm Loan Board

Interest Rates

As of July 1, 2014 (applicable to loans approved on or after this date while these rates remain in effect)

Length (years)	Full Term	*10 Yr Term	*5 Yr Term	*3 Yr Term
1 – 5	2.90%	–	2.90%	2.70%
6 – 10	3.65%	3.65%	3.25%	2.70%
11 – 15	4.35%	4.10%	3.35%	2.95%
16 – 20	4.70%	4.50%	3.40%	2.95%
21 – 25	5.25%	4.55%	3.45%	2.95%
26 – 30	5.30%	4.60%	3.50%	2.95%

* 3, 5 and 10 year term rates available to clients meeting risk, cashflow, and collateral requirements.

The Nova Scotia Farm Loan Board supports agricultural development such as: property purchase / improvements, construction, machinery / quota / stock purchase, financial restructure, and farm transition. The Board is committed to helping you with your individual financial needs.

A Loan Officer will also have information concerning programs and other services offered by Nova Scotia Agriculture.

Call or visit a Nova Scotia Farm Loan Board office:

Truro 902-893-6506

Dalhousie University Agricultural College Campus, 137 College Road

Kentville 902-679-6009

Kentville Agricultural Centre, 32 Main Street

novascotia.ca/farmloan



Your Regional Agricultural Offices

Extension and Outreach

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Regional News Cape Breton: Cape Breton, Victoria, Inverness and Richmond Counties

FAIR	DATE	CONTACT/PHONE
MIRA FERRY (Albert Bridge)	September 13	Cheryl MacIntyre (Chair) 902-562-2089 Gladys Lever (Treasurer) 902-727-2216
CHRISTMAS ISLAND (Cape Breton County)	September 6	Kevin Mackenzie 902-622-2667
PORT MORIEN (Glace Bay)	September 13	Margie MacQueen 902-737-2478
BADDECK (Victoria County)	September 6	Wendell MacPhee 902-295-2494

Attention All Giant Pumpkin Growers.

The Millville Hall is now an official Great Pumpkin Commonwealth (GPC) site whereby the new GPC rules will now apply.

The Great Pumpkin Commonwealth is a collection of more than 70 official weigh-off sites, their supporting clubs, and growers worldwide. These sponsored sites are attended by hundreds of thousands to the ever popular annually run festivals and weekend events. Established in 1993 the GPC is the major organizer and sanctioning body overseeing competitions in giant pumpkin and vegetable growing. The GPC works vigorously to improve weigh-off site standards in fairness of competition while promoting family values.



The Official GPC weigh off date is Saturday, October 11, 2014 at the Millville Hall, Millville.

All entrants must be **REGISTERED before 11:00 a.m.** that day, so the judges may inspect each pumpkin prior to weighing.

The GPC sets the recognized standard for all world records in the giant pumpkin family as used by Guinness for their World Record endeavors. GPC growers have set the World Records for the last 15 years. The GPC's mission cultivates the hobby of growing giant pumpkins throughout the world by establishing standards and regulations that ensure quality of fruit, fairness of competition, recognition of achievement, fellowship and education for all participating growers and weigh-off sites.

Should you require additional information or have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 902-563-2000. We look forward to seeing you there.

Woodlot Assistance for Cape Breton

Do you have a woodlot that is part of your farm? Is it currently being managed in a way that reflects your goals for it? If not, CBPP could help.

The Cape Breton Privateland Partnership (CBPP) is a new initiative funded by both provincial Department of Natural Resources and ECBC. It is a pilot project for the rest of the province designed to provide woodlot owners with access to professional, independent advice as well as the tools and resources necessary to manage their woodlots in a way that meets their objectives. Joining CBPP provides you with access to many forest management options such as silviculture funding, FSC® Certification and a Forest Management Plan for your woodlot.

All woodlot owners on Cape Breton, whether they are interested in joining CBPP or not, are eligible to receive a personalized 'Stewardship Assessment' of their woodlot. The assessment includes a consultation with an independent forest professional, as well as maps and information about your woodlot. This is a great no-cost way to learn more about your woodlot, as well as what options might be available for it.

To have a Stewardship Assessment completed for your woodlot fill out our online application form at www.CBWoodlots.org or phone 902-623-1132.

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4-Season Farming with Len Vassallo

The final installment of this three part workshop series will take place on October 22, 2014.

Target audience: new entrants, market gardeners or anyone seeking to extend their growing season in horticultural production using low tunnels, high tunnels or row covers.

Covering the following topics:

- Fall hoophouse/low tunnel management
- Soil prep, crop selection, mulching
- Winter seeding and harvesting
- Plant Choices

Speakers: Len Vassallo, Av Singh

Workshop Location:

Blue Heron Farm
(owned by Len Vassallo)
6457 Seaside Drive
Gardiner Mines, NS

Workshop Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Registration Fee - \$25.00 lunch will be provided

Pre-register by October 15, 2014, we will be limiting attendance to 15 people.

Contact Catherine at 902-563-2000 or email plumricl@gov.ns.ca to register.

Cape Breton Region 4-H News

4-H - *Realize Your 4-H Dream in 2014*

With August coming to an end the Cape Breton Regional 4-H program wraps up another successful summer filled with Achievement Days and exhibitions with just a few events left on the calendar. A huge thank you goes out to all the leaders and volunteers within the 4-H community who made the events so successful. Also, congratulations to all the 4-H members within the Cape Breton Region whose project work showed extreme talent and determination. Good luck to those competing at the Nova Scotia 4-H Show in September; you've made the region proud!

4-H at Victoria County Fair

The last 4-H Achievement Day/county show to take place in the Cape Breton Region will be held in conjunction with the Victoria County Fair from September 3 - 6, 2014.

This year will mark the 84th anniversary of Victoria County Fair on September 6, making it the longest running fair in the Cape Breton Region.

The Baddeck Forks 4-H Club may not have size to their advantage but this little club has members that exhibit great talent. On Wednesday September 3 the 4-H projects will be judged and the Bake Off competition will be held. The public is encouraged to come out to the hall on Thursday, September 4 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. to view the 4-H member's projects and return on Saturday to see the livestock and life skills competitions. For more information on this event or for an event schedule contact Marina Gillis in Sydney at 902-563-2001 or gillisma@gov.ns.ca.

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4-H Show Scratch and Substitution Deadline!

The substitution deadline for Cape Breton Region 4-H members is September 10, 2014. Please contact Rhonda MacDougall at 902-945-2901 or Marina Gillis at 902-563-2001 to advise them if substitutions will be needed. If a 4-H member wishes to scratch their event then the next lower entry will attend the provincial show in their place.

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4-H dates to remember:

- Victoria County Fair/ 4-H Days - September 3 - 6, Baddeck Forks Hall
- CB County Council Meeting- September 2, Provincial Building
- Richmond County Council Meeting - September 11, Adrienne Smiths.
- Nova Scotia 4-H Show - September 26 - 28, Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Grounds, Bible Hill
- Richmond County Annual Banquet - October 26, Camp Rankin



Regional News Eastern: Antigonish, Guysborough and Pictou Counties

Market Garden Farm Tours

A group of market gardeners have organized several farm tours in Antigonish. The farm tours take place in the evening and rotate around to different farms allowing participants to see different small scale production methods, learn from each other, talk to specialists, and help them learn how they can improve their own farms.

Holding the farm tours in the evening allows those farmers who also work off the farm to participate, and this time of year there is lots to see and do. Several farms in the county have already been seen but enthusiasm for the tours to continue is high. All sizes of commercial market gardeners are encouraged to participate. If you're interested in attending please contact Adam Wile at wilean@gov.ns.ca or 1-902-863-4705.

St. F.X. Research Projects

The Department of Agriculture in the Eastern Region has been holding meetings with St. F.X. faculty and staff to help build a connection between their research teams and the local agricultural industry.

Researchers are interested in touring farms that may have unique problems that would take special expertise to solve. Farmers put up no money to get the research done and share in the results to help them evolve their businesses. Last year over \$45,000 of research was completed because of this project and there is great excitement to continue with different projects this year.

If you have a unique problem you think could be solved through research please get in touch with Adam Wile at wilean@gov.ns.ca or 902-863-4705.

New Eastern Region Agricultural Resource Coordinator (ARC)

We are pleased to announce that the ARC position covering the Eastern region (Pictou, Antigonish and Guysborough Counties) has been permanently filled by Adam Wile. Adam replaces Kevin Bekkers who has moved to Manager of Land Protection for the Department. Adam has been in the region since 2012 as the regional Agricultural Transition Officer and is looking forward to continuing his work in the region in his new capacity.

Prior to being hired by the NSDA Adam worked on various research projects and completed a M.Sc. at Dal AC. When asked about his new role Adam had this to say: "After spending two years in the region I recognize there are challenges but I also see opportunities for growth and development. I'm excited about connecting with producers in the region in my new role and learning about what they are doing and if there is an area where we can help." Adam began his role in the ARC position at the end of July and he can be reached at wilean@gov.ns.ca or 902-863-4705. Please don't hesitate to contact Adam.

Eastern Region 4-H News

This summer the Antigonish County 4-H Council hired a summer worker for eight weeks during July and August. Working as part of a team, the summer worker assists the Agriculture Leadership Coordinator and 4-H Summer Assistant with 4-H Achievement Days, judging days, exhibitions and office work. Lindsay MacCormick, the 4-H council summer worker, has been involved in 4-H for over eight years. She's been involved in many different projects such as photography, cake decorating, foods and various livestock projects. Having recently graduated from Dr. John Hugh Gillis High School she plans to attend Memorial University of Newfoundland in September. You'll see her at the exhibition during 4-H Day on August 27. If you have any 4-H questions, please call the 4-H office at 902-863-7501.

4-H Days at Exhibitions

Be sure to support local Antigonish/ Guysborough 4-H members at their 4-H Days during the Eastern Nova Scotia Exhibition on August 27 and at the Pictou/ North Colchester Exhibition on September 3.

Young people will compete in a variety of competitions including livestock showmanship and conformation classes, tug-of-war and life skills projects.

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Regional News Central: East Hants, Cumberland, Colchester and Halifax Counties

The Central Region offices house the Agriculture Resource Coordinator, Agricultural Transition Officer, Agriculture Leadership Coordinator, Administrative Support and 4-H Summer Assistant. We are your one stop shop for Department of Agriculture services and information. If you have an agricultural question or opportunity you'd like to discuss feel free to contact us.

We have a great group of people working here as a team. The Central Region includes the counties of Colchester, Cumberland and Halifax. We are located at Perennia Innovation Park. Our contacts are below.

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Agriculture and Food Advisory Services

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Truro, NS B6L 2R2

- Michael Kittilsen, Agriculture Resource Coordinator, 902-893-3645 kittilma@gov.ns.ca
- Jacqueline Hoyt, Agriculture Leadership Coordinator, 902-893-6586 hoytjm@gov.ns.ca
- Rebecca Sooksom, Agricultural Transition Officer, 902-896-1288 sooksord@gov.ns.ca
- Claire Hanlon-Smith, Business Development Officer, 902-893-4491 hanlonca@gov.ns.ca
- Mary Hart, Administrative Support, 902-893-6575 hartme@gov.ns.ca
- Jacob Works, 4-H Summer Assistant, 902-896-4471 worksjb@gov.ns.ca

Mail Address Changes

Has your address changed? Has Canada Post requested that you include your civic number in your mailing address? If so, we need to know this information so that we may continue to keep our mailing list up to date. If you have an address change, please call Mary at 902-893-6575 or contact her by email at hartme@gov.ns.ca with your changes. Also, if you would rather receive an electronic copy of the newsletter rather than the paper copy, please email Mary with your request.

34th Annual Atlantic Sheep Sale

Sponsored by Purebred Sheep Breeders' Association of Nova Scotia on Saturday, August 30, 2014 beginning at 11:00 a.m. Animals will be on view from 7:00 p.m., Friday, August 29 at the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Grounds in Bible Hill. For further information or a catalogue call Rosemary Wort 902-671-2410 email herngatefarm@ns.sympatico.ca or visit: www.sheepnovascotia.ca.

Pictou-North Colchester Sheep Fun Day

The Northumberland Sheep Producers' Association is hosting its Annual Sheep Fun Day on Sunday, September 7 at the Pictou-North Colchester Exhibition Grounds.

Sheep must be on the exhibition grounds by noon, with classes beginning at 1:00 p.m. and ending near 4:00 p.m. A potluck supper for participants, show donors and Northumberland Sheep Producers' Association members will follow in the show tent.

If you are planning on attending please notify us of how many pens (4 feet x 4 feet) you will require for your animals by emailing us at northumberlandsheepproducers@gmail.com or by calling either Richard Hines at 902-351-2027 or Sarah Turner at 902-351-3454 (leave a message at either number if there is no answer) before Saturday August 30, 2014.

Central Region 4-H News

Hello 4-H Enthusiasts!

This summer is shaping up to be busy and full of 4-H events! Between June and early August there were 20 4-H Clubs in the Central Region who held their club Achievement Days! It was wonderful to see all the hard work and effort the 4-H members put into their livestock and life skills projects over the past year! Of course the month of August is dedicated to exhibitions in our region. See below for dates for all three Central Region exhibitions.

Upcoming 4-H Meetings

- Colchester County 4-H Council Meetings - September 8, October 27, and November 24, 7:00 p.m., Agri-dome, NSPE Grounds, Bible Hill.
- Cumberland County 4-H Council Meetings - September 2, October 7, and November 4, 8:00 p.m., Shinimicas Fire Hall.
- Halifax-East Hants County 4-H Council Meetings - September 10 (Middle Musquodoboit, exhibition grounds), October 21, and November 18, 7:00 p.m., Hants East Rural High School.

County 4-H Exhibition Competitions

- Cumberland County - Monday, August 25 and Tuesday, August 26, Oxford Exhibition Grounds.

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4-H Year 2014

Looking to register for 4-H? Not sure on the ages? Junior members are 9 - 13 and senior members are 14 - 21 years of age. Some clubs offer a Cloverbud program for children 7 - 8 years old. Contact the club General Leader or the Central Region agriculture office for more information. Registration will occur throughout the fall.

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

Jacqueline Hoyt, Agriculture Leadership Coordinator for the Central Region at: 902-893-6586 or hoytjm@gov.ns.ca.

Regional News Valley: West Hants, Kings, Lunenburg and Queens Counties

Local Community Fairs and Exhibitions

Attend these community fairs and exhibitions being held in our region to see local agriculture at its best!

Dalhousie Community Fair -
August 23

Western Kings Fair, Tremont -
August 30

Hants County Exhibition,
Windsor - September 12 - 14 and
September 19 - 21

Queens County Exhibition,
Caledonia - Sept. 16 - 20

Nova Scotia 4-H Show, Bible Hill-
September 26 - 28

The Local Food Awareness week in September is just one of the ways the committee, with its partner groups, have worked to create ongoing networks to promote local food sources, products and programs.

The 2014 Local Food Awareness Week will be held from September 20 - 28. If you want to get involved be a host of a food related event, a picnic, community supper or any food event!

For more information on the Local Food Awareness week go to www.localfoodteam.com or email localfoodteam@gmail.com



Open House at the Kentville Research Centre

Saturday, September 13, 2014
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Free admission

Children's activities, 4-H BBQ, field tours, lab tours, equipment displays

Come on out and see the work we do!

Local Food Team – Lunenburg and Queens

The Local Food Team of Lunenburg and Queens Counties strives to build active partnerships. The committee membership represents a diverse cross section within our communities. The goal of the Local Food Team is to raise awareness of local food issues and activities and to build networks that promote and support community food sustainability and healthy living activities and programs.

Update of Mailing List and E-Mailing Newsletter

We are once again trying to update our mailing list. If you receive this newsletter and do not wish to receive it any longer, or if your address is incorrect or incomplete, please notify Cheryl by phone, 902-679-6021, or e-mail, ctheriau@gov.ns.ca.

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Valley 4-H News

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Valley Region 4-H Dates

- Kings County NS 4-H Show member meeting - August 21, 7:00 p.m., Scotian Gold
- Hants County Exhibition Committee meeting - September 3, 6:00 p.m., Windsor Exhibition Grounds followed by the 4-H Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Kings County JAD wrap up meeting - September 8, 6:30 p.m., Scotian Gold and Kings Council Meeting will follow at 7:30 p.m.
- Hants County 4-H Exhibition Days - September 12 - 14, Hants County Exhibition Grounds
- Kings County Awards Night - October - TBA
- Hants County Awards Banquet - November 9
- Hants County Exhibition 4-H Days - September 12 - 14, Hants County Exhibition Grounds

4-H Days at the Hants County Exhibition

Preparation for the Hants County Exhibition is well underway. On Saturday beef, dairy, goat, light horse, waterfowl and poultry 4-H classes will be taking place along with a variety of competitions.

On Sunday, sheep, light horse and the Grand Champion Livestock Showmanship classes will be happening along with the parade of clubs. Life skills 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.

New at the Hants County Exhibition!

On September 19 during the second weekend of the Hants County Exhibition, Hants County 4-H Council and senior 4-H members will be providing two interactive stations to assist the Exhibition in its new Future Farmers Program which will bring approximately 800 Grades P to 6 students to the exhibition.

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 (Valley Region), 902-634-7575 (South Shore Region) and we will be more than happy to give some helpful information.



Regional News Western: Annapolis, Digby, Yarmouth and Shelburne Counties

Staff Update

Terry McKay has accepted the position as the Agriculture Resource Coordinator (ARC) for the Western Region. He is located in the Cornwallis Park Office. Terry has been with the Department since October in the role of Agriculture Transition Officer in Cornwallis. Terry is a graduate from NSAC and has a wealth of industry knowledge and experience, gained by working closely with farmers as a consultant with Clarence Farm Services and as an owner/operator of his own farm.

On behalf of the Extension and Outreach group we are pleased to have Terry join the Western Region Team. You can contact Terry at 902-638-2396, email at mckaytw@gov.ns.ca or drop by the office at 173 Haida Street in Cornwallis Park.

Cattle Sales

The fall cattle sales will be held October 4 and 25, 2014 at the exhibition grounds in Lawrencetown.

Update of Mailing List

We are continuing to update our mailing list. If your address is incorrect, you no longer wish to receive this newsletter or if you'd like to receive an email version in the future, please notify Gina Saulnier by phone at 902-638-2395 or email at saulnig1@gov.ns.ca.

Upcoming Food Safety Courses

The Department of Agriculture is offering the Food Handler Course for foodservice facility owners, operators, managers and staff.

Courses run from September to June therefore, there are none scheduled for the summer. Please check the website towards the end of August for an updated schedule and registration form:

<http://novascotia.ca/agri/programs-and-services/food-protection/food-hygiene-course/scheduled-courses/southwest/>

So far the following food safety courses scheduled are:

Digby - September 16	Digby - November 12
Yarmouth - September 24	Yarmouth - December 10
Middleton - October 15	Yarmouth - November 6
Yarmouth - October 16	Digby - January 14

Bridgewater, Shelburne, Lawrencetown, Kentville and Windsor food safety courses to be announced later.

Course seat availability is filled on a first-come, first-served basis, upon receipt of registration form and payment. Register well in advance for upcoming courses, as they fill quickly. Confirmation letters are sent out one week before the course date.

For more information visit our website at:

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- Annapolis County 4-H Leaders Council meeting - September 10, 7:00 p.m., Community Services Board Room in Middleton
- Yarmouth County 4-H Leaders Council meeting - September 17, 7:00 p.m., 4-H office, Yarmouth
- Digby County 4-H Leaders Council meeting - September 18, 7:00 p.m., Digby Library
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- Yarmouth County 4-H Leaders Council - October 15, 7:00 p.m., the 4-H office
- Digby County 4-H Leaders Council Meeting - October 16, 7:00 p.m., Digby library
- Digby County 4-H Awards Banquet - October 17, time and place TBA
- Annapolis County 4-H Awards Banquet - October 19, 4:00 p.m., Nictaux Fire Hall

