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We want to hear from you.

**Please complete the survey by March 18, 2016.**

As a thank you for your feedback, you will also have the chance to win a *Taste of Nova Scotia* gift basket. At the end of the survey, enter your email address. A random draw will take place on March 25.

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## Minister's Message



As Minister of Agriculture, I know that the success of our province is directly affected by what you are doing in communities across Nova Scotia. I'd like to thank you all for your continued hard work and dedication to growing the agriculture sector.

Over the past few months I have enjoyed attending annual meetings and conventions for commodity groups around the province. This is one of the best ways for me to connect with you, hear what is on your minds and what ideas you have for growing the value of farming and agri-food production in Nova Scotia. I have been truly impressed by your resilience and extremely pleased with the innovative ideas that get shared during these meetings. The spirit of collaboration that you are creating is crucial as we take action to bring this industry into the future.

Just like you, our government knows how critical agriculture is to our economic future, making growth in the sector a priority in its throne speech and working with you and our partners to help the industry achieve success. I see support for the industry around the table from my cabinet and caucus colleagues who appreciate what this sector means to your communities and all of Nova Scotia. They know that agriculture has shaped many of our traditions and will continue to shape our future. And they support me in the desire to work with you and the whole sector to encourage innovation, product and market development.

Our response to the One Nova Scotia report recognizes agriculture helps to lay the groundwork for a future where Nova Scotians are competing and succeeding in global markets. The One Nova Scotia Playbook says "we choose now" to make the choices and investments that will provide opportunities for our young people to stay and build a life for themselves right here in Nova Scotia. You have a role to play in helping that happen, and agriculture is part of Nova Scotia's future.

This is the message I have been carrying to your meetings. I know that the strength of our communities is tied to the agriculture industry, and that includes all of you who work to deliver quality products to consumers. Despite challenges, you are innovating and contributing to the future of our province and our vital rural communities. That's why it's important for me and my department to continue to partner with you, to help the industry reach its full potential.

And we are seeing successes. In agri-foods, International exports in 2015 increased to \$385 million, up 21% over 2014. The United States is our largest international market for agri-food products, accounting for \$204 million of exports in 2015. We need to continue to focus on innovation and collaboration between governments, industry and researchers to make sure that we never stop innovating and are always uncovering new ways to unleash agriculture's potential to drive success for Nova Scotia.

To ensure farming in Nova Scotia continues to support jobs and economic opportunity for rural communities, we need to make sure Nova Scotians know about the locally grown and produced products that you are bringing to the marketplace every day. Select Nova Scotia is continuing to work with producers, farmers markets and other retailers to educate the public about

those choices and encourage them to include local options in their shopping basket. Every Thursday, Select Nova Scotia is highlighting local food choices through a segment on the Global TV Morning Show that features recipes incorporating local ingredients. It's one more way you are contributing to a healthy lifestyle that includes lots of products grown and made right here in Nova Scotia. You can find out more about Select Nova Scotia at [www.selectnovascotia.ca](http://www.selectnovascotia.ca) or by visiting them on Facebook.

We are also ensuring the next generation of Nova Scotians knows how important farming and agriculture are to our success as a province. Once again this year, Nova Scotia will mark Canadian Agriculture Literacy Week. I'm looking forward to visiting with Grade 4 students at O'Connell Drive Elementary School in Porter's Lake to read to them about farming and encourage them to learn more about what it means to our communities and their future. Many of you will be fanning out across the province to do the same thing and I want to thank you for volunteering your time to excite young people about the opportunities available to them in farming. You can find out more about what's happening during the week of Feb. 28 - March 5 by visiting [www.aic-canada.ca/en/calw.html](http://www.aic-canada.ca/en/calw.html)

The collaboration I've been talking about also means that we need to work with our partners in the federal government to unlock success for agriculture. I have been very pleased with my discussions with my counterparts in the new federal government, and that dialogue has already produced results. At the annual convention of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers Association in January, I was joined from Ottawa by Federal Agriculture Minister Lawrence MacAulay and Treasury

Board President Scott Brison for an important announcement in support of Nova Scotia apple growers and maple producers.

The Canada-Nova Scotia Fire Blight Initiative will provide up to \$2.69 million to help apple growers recover from the devastation caused by fire blight infection in the summer of 2014 as a result of post-tropical storm Arthur. At the same time, the federal and provincial governments announced the Canada-Nova Scotia Maple Sector Initiative. With up to \$950,000 in funding available, the program will help cover the costs for maple producers to repair sap collection equipment damaged during the unusually harsh winter of 2015.

Both the fire blight and maple sector initiatives show what is possible when governments and industry work together. They are tangible, realistic ways that we are able to support you and the industry to meet challenges and return to success as producers. That's at the heart of our Growing Forward 2 initiative with the federal government and I encourage you to check out the programs and services it supports on our website at <http://novascotia.ca/agri/programs-and-services/>

Another example of how we are working together with the agriculture sector is the relationship with the wine industry. The wine industry continues to be an important growth area for our province and offers economic opportunities that can specifically benefit rural communities. In 2014, I created the Nova Scotia Wine Development Board to help identify areas where government and the industry could work together to encourage growth.

The commitment to seeing growth happen in our wine industry is a priority for our government. In December, Premier Stephen McNeil visited Avondale Sky Winery in Newport Landing to announce the Vineyard Development and Expansion Program to help increase the amount of grapes being planted in Nova Scotia to meet the growing demand for Nova Scotia's quality wines. Up to \$1 million is available through the new program to support the industry in its goal to increase the acreage of grapevines planted in Nova Scotia. Again, this is a tangible and targeted investment that responds to a need identified by the industry and allows them to take the lead in growing their operations.

As Minister, I am open to your ideas and dedicated to working with you to meet the challenges that you are facing. That's why I have been out talking to dairy farmers, maple producers, fruit growers, hatching egg producers, sheep producers, beekeepers, wild blueberry producers and cattle producers at your annual meetings and conventions. The staff of our department are also out working with you to look for solutions and ways that we can grow the importance of agriculture.

As you prepare for spring, I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very successful growing season in 2016. The department and its staff are here to support you in achieving success and ensuring that agriculture continues to make a strong impact on our province. This is possible because of the leadership and hard work of you as producers and your dedication to building a strong Nova Scotia.

We are in this together and I know we are on the path to success.

Hon. Keith Colwell, E.C.N.S.  
Minister of Agriculture

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# Programs and Business Risk Management

The Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture, Programs and Business Risk Management (PBRM) Division, provides a variety of programs to meet the needs of the agriculture industry.

On February 1, 2016, a suite of programs was launched that support innovation in agriculture. These programs have the objective of bringing new technologies, research and market opportunities to Nova Scotia. Eligible applicants include farms, agri-businesses, commodity groups and universities. The programs include Farm Innovation, Agri-Products Innovation and Commercialization, and Research Acceleration. For more information, or to submit a Letter of Intent, visit [www.novascotia.ca/agri/programs-and-services/financial-funding/](http://www.novascotia.ca/agri/programs-and-services/financial-funding/).

Beginning mid-February, program staff will be conducting information sessions in a location near you to promote the opening of the Homegrown Success program.

The sessions will review program changes for the upcoming year, with a focus on the new application process. Staff will be available to answer questions you may have on any of the programs we offer. Invitations will be mailed all registered farmers providing information on dates and locations.

The last remaining road shows are:

Amherst - March 8, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Amherst Lions Club

Weymouth - March 9, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Weymouth Waterfront Library

Bridgewater - March 10, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Best Western

or you can check our website at the address given above or call your local Agricultural Resource Coordinator (ARC).

The PBRM staff have issued many approvals for the 2015-2016 program year. A reminder to all successful applicants to be sure to claim your projects before March 1, 2016. Program staff encourage clients to claim each project as it is finished in order to help cash flow to your next project.

The table below lists programs and tentative intake periods for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. These are subject to change. If you have any questions please visit: [www.novascotia.ca/agri/programs-and-services/financial-funding/](http://www.novascotia.ca/agri/programs-and-services/financial-funding/) or call 1-866-844-4276.

Program	Open	Close
Research Acceleration	February 1	March 15
Farm Innovation	February 1	March 1 / May 1
Agri-Products Innovation and Commercialization	February 1	March 1 / May 1
Market Development and Investment Attraction	March 1	no close date
Low Bush Blueberry Development	March 1	May 31
Building Industry Capacity	March 1	April 1 / June 1
Vineyard Expansion and Development Program	April 1	June 30
FarmNEXT	April 1	no close date
Home Grown Success Application-based Program	April 1	April 30



# Nova Scotia Crop and Livestock Insurance Commission

## Why should I have AgriInsurance?

As a producer, you are constantly faced with factors that are beyond your control. Things like adverse weather, disease, wildlife, and insect infestations can have a serious impact on your production and your income.

AgriInsurance, also referred to as Production Insurance or Crop Insurance adds some predictability to your business. It protects you against the effects of yield reductions and crop losses caused by insured naturally occurring perils. Last year there were more than 26,000 acres, 15,829 dairy animals, and 41 million birds insured in Nova Scotia.

AgriInsurance helps you:

- Maintain your cash flow in poor crop years with claim payments that offset losses caused by crop damage or low yields.
- Manage your operation with a more predictable cash flow.
- Provide collateral required to secure loans.
- Stabilize your AgriStability program reference margin over time.
- Gain affordable peace-of-mind by paying a tax-deductible premium that is cost-shared with government.

## Crop Insurance Application Deadlines for the 2016 Crop Year.

- Vegetable - March 14
- Spring Grain - March 14
- Potato - April 19
- Corn - April 30
- Maple - April 30
- Weather Plan - April 30
- Soybean (includes Canola and Sunflower) - May 19

All producers who hold an active contract of insurance will receive a Coverage Options letter(s) before the beginning of the crop year, for most of the above plans, except for the Weather Derivative Plan which must be applied for annually. This gives you an opportunity to choose your price and coverage level options for the upcoming growing season.

## Advanced Payments Program

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

## Dairy Producers

The Commission is able to write new coverage for Dairy Livestock at any time during the year. If you are interested in insuring your animals against disease, as well as loss of income from the sale of milk 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, as well as shipping fever and IBR, but does not include BSE and Foot and Mouth). To find out more give the Commission office a call.

## Wildlife Compensation

The Nova Scotia Crop and Livestock Insurance Commission administers a Wildlife Compensation Program for Nova Scotia 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 eligible for this compensation program. For complete details, including prices paid for losses and crop and livestock covered, visit our website at

<http://novascotia.ca/agri/programs-and-services/financial-funding/crop-livestock-insurance/>

The Department of Natural Resources has valuable information on best practices to reduce damage from wildlife. This information can be found at:

<http://novascotia.ca/natr/wildlife/living-with-wildlife/>

## Maple Producers

The Nova Scotia Crop and Livestock Insurance Commission offers crop insurance for maple syrup production. This plan is available to all commercial maple producers to help them manage the risk of reduced yields due to natural perils. Any producers not currently signed up for the program can apply now for coverage for the 2016-17 crop year (the February-March 2017 harvest season).

The deadline for application is April 30, 2016. Since April is a busy time in the maple woods, we encourage you to apply now to avoid missing the deadline.

Last year the Commission paid indemnity claims totaling almost \$170,000 to all but one of our insured maple clients, due to adverse weather.

## **Forage Producers**

The Commission offers two plans for forage producers to help manage the risk in the crop from natural perils. These plans are a Forage Establishment Plan and a Weather Derivative Plan for forage production.

### **Forage Establishment Plan**

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 your 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. When you apply after your seeding date, an inspection is required before coverage will be offered. This plan offers three levels of coverage which are \$300/acre (producer premium \$9.25/acre) \$200/acre coverage (producer premium - \$6.25/acre) and \$100/acre coverage (producer premium = \$3.25/acre).

### **Weather Derivative Plan for Forage**

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

The Weather Derivative Plan for Forage provides a guarantee of 80% of the long term average rainfall (30 year averages). A producer can choose 2, 3 or 4 months of drought coverage between May 1 and August 31. Any or all of the managed forage and/or pasture on your farm can be insured for up to \$288 per acre.

With the Quality Rider, when three consecutive days of rainfall of at least 5mm are recorded, a payment of 20% 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, based on Environment Canada weather statistics, a payment is triggered. Both the Weather Derivative Plan for Forage and the Forage Establishment Plan require an annual application. For more information including the cost sharing with government for these programs contact one of our offices.

### **Have You Reported Your Yield for 2015?**

To provide accurate coverage to our clients, the Commission needs your harvested yield report for 2015. If clients do not report their actual yield, the Commission assumes you have harvested at least the guaranteed production listed on your Certificate of Insurance. In years where you had very good production and where you do not report to the Commission, you are missing an opportunity to have this reflected in your yield history. What this means for you is that in a future claim year, your claim may not be as much as it could have been if the good experience was properly reported. To ensure you have the best coverage possible, be sure to accurately report your yields.

### **New Plan for Vegetable Growers in Development**

The Commission is currently working on obtaining authorities to offer a new plan for insuring vegetables.

The new plan is called the Crop Insurance Plan for Acreage Loss and the Commission is hoping to offer the plan this spring.

This plan differs from the current vegetable plan because it is not based on a guaranteed yield but rather a guarantee value per acre of crop grown. If the crop cannot be harvested because of an insurable peril a payment can be made for the entire acreage lost. Any abandoned acres must be destroyed to obtain a payment.

If you are interested in learning more about this plan or would like to be placed on a list to receive information once the plan becomes available please contact our office.

For information on any of our insurance plans, contact the Nova Scotia Crop and Livestock Insurance Commission at 1-800-565-6371 Toll Free, 902-893-6370 (Truro), 902-679-6015 (Kentville), or visit our website at <http://novascotia.ca/agri/programs-and-services/financial-funding/crop-livestock-insurance/>

You can also visit our offices at 60 Research Drive, Suite A, Perennia Innovation Park, Bible Hill NS B6L 2R2  
OR Agricultural Centre, 32 Main St., Kentville NS B4N 1J5

## Food Safety Training - Upcoming Courses

### HACCP1 - Prerequisite Programs

April 4-5, 2016

Cost: \$930

Registration Deadline: March 21, 2016

At the end of the program, you will be able to:

- Describe the components of a HACCP prerequisite program
- Begin the process of implementing a prerequisite program
- Identify good manufacturing practices
- Document your prerequisite program

### HACCP 2 - Developing Your HACCP Plans

April 6-8, 2016

Cost: \$1205

Registration Deadline: March 23, 2016

At the end of the program, you will be able to:

- Discuss food safety, food quality, global food safety standards and prerequisite programs as building blocks for HACCP
- Differentiate between physical, chemical and biological hazards
- Apply the Codex 12 steps to HACCP to develop and maintain your own HACCP plans
- Conduct a hazard analysis and utilize the HACCP decision tree to identify critical control points

### Implementing SQF Systems

May 30-31, 2016

Cost: \$930

Registration Deadline: May 16, 2016

At the end of the program, you will be able to:

- Discuss the updates to the SQF Code, from Edition 7.1 to Edition 7.2, food sector categories and corresponding modules
- Describe the SQF System elements
- Differentiate between Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 certification
- Implement and maintain SQF Systems
- Develop, validate and verify your food safety and quality plans and SQF System
- Prepare for SQF certification
- Understand requirements for SQF Practitioners and SQF Consultants

### Internal Auditor: SQF

June 1, 2016

Cost: \$695

Registration Deadline: May 18, 2016

At the end of the program, you will be able to:

- Plan an effective internal audit of your food safety management system in compliance to the SQF Code
- Apply techniques in planning, executing, reporting and following up on audits
- Use your audit results as a tool for corrective action and continual improvement

### Safe Food for Canadians Act

June 2, 2016

Cost: \$695

Registration Deadline: May 19, 2016

At the end of the program, you will be able to:

- Identify the regulatory compliance components under the new act
- Understand what enhanced inspections would mean for you and your business
- Assess the preventative approach to food safety and what it means to you
- Identify the steps you need to take in order to be compliant with the enhanced regulations in a timely manner

### Risk Assessment and Food Safety

June 3, 2016

Cost: \$695

Registration Deadline: May 20, 2016

At the end of this course, you will be able to:

- Describe the reasons for doing a risk assessment
- Define various tools and methods for risk assessment
- Discuss steps in food safety risk assessment
- Differentiate between the decision tree and quantitative approach to risk assessment
- Integrate risk assessment with the various GFSI standards

### *Are you Currently Growing or Planning to Grow Hops?*

Come join Perennia Crop Specialists

**Rosalie Madden** and **Chris**

**Duyvelshoff** to learn more about:

- Variety performance
- Common hop pests and diseases
- Post-harvest handling and storage
- Brewer perspectives on using Nova Scotia hops

Thursday, March 10, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Debert Hospitality Centre

## Advance Payment Program (APP)

Once again, the Soil and Crop Improvement Association of Nova Scotia (SCIANS) has been asked by the federal government to administer the Advance Payment Program for 2015-16.

The purpose of the program is to improve marketing opportunities for agricultural products by extending an advance to the producers as a means of improving cash-flow.

Any individual or farm business can receive an advance of up to \$100,000 interest free. Producers repay the advance by December 31, 2015 for the spring portion of the program. If crops are in storage, an individual or farm business may participate in the fall portion of the program with repayment of advances by September 30, 2016.

Crops usually covered are barley, corn, oats, rye, hay, soybeans, and spring and winter wheat.

Producers must have crop insurance to be eligible for the spring portion of the program. Also, producers must allow SCIANS to conduct a credit check, done by a third party.

Producers must provide SCIANS with an assignment on the crop insurance policy. An administration fee of 1.5 per cent of the total advance is charged to producers to cover the cost of administering the program.

To learn more about the program, contact Carol Versteeg at [carol.versteeg@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:carol.versteeg@ns.sympatico.ca) or 902-758-3530.



## Progressive Farm Safety Days

Children ages 9 - 13 are invited to attend a progressive Farm Safety Day in Bridgewater and Antigonish this Spring.

The registration fee for a fun filled day of learning is \$10/child or \$20/family. Pre-registration required.

The Bridgewater workshop will take place on Saturday May 14. Register with [Colin.Hirtle@novascotia.ca](mailto:Colin.Hirtle@novascotia.ca) or 902-634-7575

Register with [Dawn.Barrington-Hodgson@novascotia.ca](mailto:Dawn.Barrington-Hodgson@novascotia.ca) or 902-863-7501 for the May 28 workshop in Antigonish

Both workshops will run from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Children can be dropped off between 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Topics for demonstrations and discussions include: Safety regarding tractors, chemicals, ATV's, food, animals, fire and more.

This workshop is a partnership of Farm Safety Nova Scotia and the Department of Agriculture. The Progressive Agriculture Foundation is sponsoring the day and providing lunch, snacks and a t-shirt.

For more information contact Farm Safety Nova Scotia (902)893-2293 or [info@farmsafetyns.ca](mailto:info@farmsafetyns.ca)



# Canadian Agriculture Literacy Week in Nova Scotia



**February 28 - March 5, 2016**

February 28 through March 5 marks the 9<sup>th</sup> Agriculture Literacy Week in Nova Scotia and the 5<sup>th</sup> Canadian Agriculture Literacy Week. This annual event is an educational initiative of the Nova Scotia Agricultural Awareness Committee made possible through the support of Farm Credit Canada.

Canadian Agriculture Literacy Week encourages school-aged children to celebrate agriculture through various activities such as reading books about farming, watching videos, and meeting with people who work in agriculture. In Nova Scotia, volunteers will be sharing their time and knowledge with students as they read “Explore Farming in Nova Scotia”.

People with a personal connection to agriculture volunteer to bring a farm book to elementary school classrooms across the province. After reading the book, they will have a chance to chat with students - to make the whole idea of farming a little more real.

In Nova Scotia today, only about 1.1 % of the population works directly on farms and most families are two to three generations away from the farm. Most people have few opportunities to connect food and farming in their daily lives.

One of the dedicated volunteers this year for Canadian Agriculture Literacy Week is Katherine Rutherford. Katherine works in Dalhousie University’s Faculty of Agriculture as the Community Education Officer. In this role she leads the faculty’s efforts to raise the profile of the science of agriculture in schools and communities in the region. She is also a member of the Nova Scotia Agriculture Awareness Committee.

While Katherine first became involved in Agriculture Literacy Week as a volunteer reader, in her current position as Community Education Officer she has been able to see the work that goes on behind the scenes and is helping to organize activities.

To celebrate Canadian Agriculture Literacy Week in Nova Scotia, the Nova Scotia Agricultural Awareness Committee and Dalhousie University’s Faculty of Agriculture are hosting an event at the Halifax Central Library on March 12. Faculty of Agriculture students will provide an afternoon of agriculture- related activities for youth at the library. It’s a great opportunity for the youth to interact with university students who are keenly interested in and have chosen a career focused on agriculture.

In Katherine’s words...“Ag Literacy Week is a great way for people who work in agriculture to promote the industry and to connect with youth to tell their story. It’s also a great way for our students to gain experience interacting with the public to understand their perceptions of agriculture and to answer their questions. Hopefully, we can educate but also inspire young people to consider an education and career in agriculture.”

For more information on Canadian Agriculture Literacy Week, or to become a volunteer contact Valorie Skinner at

[AgEducation@novascotia.ca](mailto:AgEducation@novascotia.ca)

or visit

<http://novascotia.ca/agri/programs-and-services/educational-resources/school-programs/elementary/>



## Small Farm Expo To Be Held this July

Now in its seventh year, the Small Farm Expo is a full-day of farmer-led workshops on practical topics to help you improve production, business and marketing on your small farm.

Small Farm Expo - July 25, 2016,  
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Bible Hill

Stay tuned for more details as we develop this year’s agenda!

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## **Saltscapes East Coast Expo!**

Select Nova Scotia will once again be participating in the upcoming Saltscapes East Coast Expo, April 22-24, 2016 at Exhibition Park. Select Nova Scotia has branded aisle and will have some booth space available for agri-food businesses to use on a daily basis. It's a good opportunity to test market products and get consumer feedback. To qualify, you must have a Nova Scotia product available for sale to the public, preferably targeting the Halifax market. For more information, please contact:

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[www.selectnovascotia.ca](http://www.selectnovascotia.ca)

## **Seeking FARMERS to join the NEW Spryfield Farmers' Market**

We're excited to announce that Spryfield will be hosting a bi-weekly farmers' market, serving residents of Spryfield, Herring Cove, Ketch Harbour, Harrietsfield, Sambro, Armdale and beyond! After the chill of winter passes, Sunday, April 17 will see the Walker Golden Age Center alive and bustling with market goers and vendors.

This community market will host a range of vendors, offering fresh produce, meats, baked goods, desserts, coffee, soaps, sewing, and other handmade items. The market will run Sundays from 12:30-4:30 p.m. every other week until mid-December. It will occasionally play host to musical performers, and plans for short workshops are also in store.

With its central location, available parking, bus route access and accessible facility, as well as both indoor and outdoor vending space, this will be a great opportunity for new and seasoned vendors alike.

If you are interested in becoming a vendor, please contact [spryfieldmarket@gmail.com](mailto:spryfieldmarket@gmail.com) or call (902) 719-8389. We also invite you to check out our website, [www.SpryfieldMarket.ca](http://www.SpryfieldMarket.ca) and submit an online vendor application (farmers pay a maximum vendor fee of \$25)

## **Ag Weather Atlantic**

AgWeather Atlantic is offering producers more localized weather and climate information, along with new and exciting tools to aid producers and crop advisors in improving on-farm business risk management. To find out more information about AgWeather Atlantic please visit our "NEW" posted webinars: <http://atl.agrometeo.org/index.php/weather/local> (click on the AgWeather Atlantic Webinar icon: located on the left-hand side of the home page).

Webinar 1 will provide producers and crop advisors with an overview of what AgWeather Atlantic is, what it can offer your farming operation, and it will help users navigate around the website.

Webinar 2 and 3 will provide specifics on the AgWeather Atlantic tools available (i.e., bioclimatic models to help manage pests, a hay drying index, an alfalfa fall harvest tool, corn heat units, etc.). Webinar 2 and 3 will explain how to use and interpret these tools, and will explain how they could potentially benefit your farming operation. The webinars are available in English and French.

Also 10 new apple bioclimatic models have just been added to the AgWeather Atlantic website (the new list now includes: Apple Maggot, Codling Moth, Dogwood Borer, European Apple Sawfly, European Red Mite, Fruit Tree Leafroller, MacIntosh Phenology, Oblique-Banded Leafroller, Oriental Fruit Moth (Michigan), Oriental Fruit Moth (Pennsylvania), Redbanded Leafroller, Speckled Green Fruit Worm, Spotted Tentiform Leafminer, Tarnished Plant Bug). They can be found at: <http://atl.agrometeo.org/indices/category/pommes>

For more information please contact:  
Dr. Erin Smith, P.Ag.  
Phone: 902-896-2810  
Email: [erin.smith@agr.gc.ca](mailto:erin.smith@agr.gc.ca)  
OR use the "contact/feedback" tab on the website.



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# Dalhousie Faculty of Agriculture Extended Learning

## Nutrient Management Planning

March 28

Online with in-class workshop.

This **online** certificate will provide training to nutrient management planners and those implementing nutrient management plans in Atlantic Canada. To receive the certificate a student must complete eight online subject area modules, a module on professional practice, an examination, and a nutrient management planning exercise in one of eight areas of application.

## Pesticide Applicator Course

April 12 - 15

Dalhousie Agricultural Campus, Bible Hill

This four-day course is excellent preparation if you are writing the Provincial Pesticide Applicator's Examination. You will learn the basic principles and practices of safe use, handling and storage of pesticides.

## Tractor Safety Course

Saturday and Sunday April 16 - 17 –

Dalhousie Agricultural Campus, Bible Hill.

Friday and Saturday April 29 - 30 - Antigonish

*Tentative:* Saturday and Sunday April 30 - May 1 - Middleton

This course is designed to **increase awareness** and **test competency** of **tractor operators** with regards to safe operation and use of farm tractors and implements.

The following people can participate in this course:

- 14-16 year olds with a valid Nova Scotia Class 8 driver's license who want to be able to haul equipment on Nova Scotia roads and,
- Others who have a valid class 5 driver's license and want to increase their tractor safety knowledge and skills.

To register for these courses please visit [dal.ca/exl](http://dal.ca/exl) or email

[extended.learning@dal.ca](mailto:extended.learning@dal.ca)



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## Terry MacKay, Agricultural Resource Coordinator, Western Region

Terry grew up in Truro, Nova Scotia. His interest in agriculture was fueled as a 4-H member in the Brookside 4-H Club where he took several different livestock projects. In 1991, he received his B. Sc. in Agricultural Mechanization from the Nova Scotia Agricultural College and as a student worked on local dairy farms and the NSAC farm.

After graduating Terry was a Farm Consultant with Clarence Farm Services in North Eastern Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, a Sheep Farmer in Malagash and worked at Michelin in Bridgewater.

Terry truly enjoys working with all types of farming and began his career with the department as an Agriculture Transition Officer. He currently is the Agricultural Resource Coordinator for the Western Region based in Cornwallis.

As a hobby Terry competes in the Scottish Highland Games and is currently training to compete in the World Masters Highland Games in Buffalo, New York in August. He has two daughters who are both working on their post - secondary education.

Terry can be contacted at the Cornwallis NSDA office.  
902-638-2396

[Terry.McKay@novascotia.ca](mailto:Terry.McKay@novascotia.ca)

# Provincial 4-H News

## 4-H Member Saw His Project Turn into a Small Business

Marc Timmons, an 11 year old 4-H member with the Strait 4-H Club was inspired to learn to carve trees with a chainsaw after watching the TV show Redwood Kings when someone carving a TIKI face caught his eye.

Right after that he bought his first saw with Christmas and birthday money but didn't try carving right away. It wasn't until his summer vacation in British Columbia that he attended a carving competition and was inspired to pick up the chainsaw.

For five days at the competition he observed and met some unbelievable carvers, one being Ryan Cook from the TV show Carver Kings.

When he came back from vacation the first item he carved was a three foot bear cub out of a log for his 4-H project. His bear won a first place ribbon at the Inverness County 4-H Day and took his project to the Nova Scotia 4-H Show.

When asked what he likes best about carving Marc says "Just being allowed to use the chainsaw".

Marc has great support from his parents for his passion for wood carving. They encouraged him to make a few items and sell them at the Port Hawkesbury Farmer's Market last Christmas. His items sold quickly and Marc made enough to buy another chainsaw. He now officially has his own wood carving business - SAWMARCS, a business card and a t-shirt that proudly displays his logo - a log of wood.

Ryan still keeps in touch with Marc through Facebook and offers him suggestions for his business.

Marc's mother, Daunette, said "I don't think that these carvers realize how much impact they made on Marc, not only acknowledging his work but staying connected and encouraging him. That means a lot to a young entrepreneur."

Marc's passion for carving continues to keep him busy sawing up one of a kind items for the next Christmas market.



## 4-H Members Can Apply for Scholarships

4-H members are encouraged to apply for several provincial 4-H scholarships with deadlines for submission due April 1. Guidelines and applications can be found in the General Leader Kit for scholarships from the Nova Scotia 4-H Council, the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and the George MacNeil 4-H Entrance Scholarships. Check out the General Leader Kit online at <http://novascotia.ca/agri/documents/4h/general-leader-kit.pdf>.

4-H members are encouraged to keep checking on the Canadian 4-H Council website for national 4-H scholarship opportunities available in 2016 at <https://4-h-canada.ca/GrantsScholarships%26Awards>.

## 4-H Members to Showcase Communication Skills at Annual 4-H Weekend

Many 4-H members say that they credit the 4-H program for developing their communication skills, including listening and speaking skills to build self-confidence and poise.

On May 6 – 7, 4-H members from across Nova Scotia will compete in provincial public speaking and demonstration competitions at the Dalhousie University Agricultural Campus in Bible Hill.

The event hosts 250 4-H members and families from across the province and besides communication contests, 4-H members compete in the woodsman competition and the Nova Scotia Horse Classic.

On Saturday May 7, the Dal AC Alumni Theatre will be the venue for 4-H Night in Nova Scotia, a finale that showcases talented 4-H members and presents the top overall communication winners and county entertainment as part of the evening program. 4-H members and leaders who have won Canadian 4-H Council National Travel Awards and the winners of the provincial competitions are recognized.

The public is welcome to attend all the weekend events to see the 4-H life skills program in action.

## **Nova Scotia 4-H Members to Attend Canadian and American Conferences**

Eight Nova Scotia 4-H members will join youth from across Canada and the US at two prestigious 4-H conferences this Spring.

From May 3- 8 seven 4-H members from Nova Scotia will gain a better understanding of the political process in Canada at the 44th annual 4-H Canada Citizenship Congress in Ottawa.

Citizenship Congress 2016 will deepen participants' understanding of governance and public policy, nurture communication skills, and expand their horizons. Workshops will culminate with the annual debate, where youth will construct insightful arguments and practice skills of persuasion and public speaking.

The theme, *Redefining Rural*, will explore opportunities in rural communities, take a look at how to cultivate welcoming communities, and will feature discussions about what representation means and the division of responsibilities. Programming will be based out of the Encounters with Canada, Terry Fox Centre for the first time.

"We are pleased to have so many excellent 4-H members representing the province at these national and international conferences. The Nova Scotia 4-H program is known for developing youth as confident community leaders", said Laurie Sandeson, Provincial 4-H Program Coordinator.

Janine Lock, a 4-H member in the County Line 4-H Club in Richmond County is part of a Canadian 4-H delegation attending the USA National 4-H Conference in Maryland from April 8 - 18. There they are able to share information about 4-H in Canada and actively participate in an entirely youth-led conference with over 1000 US 4-H members. The conference will engage 4-H youth in personal development experiences that will develop leadership skills; discuss topics affecting 4-H programming nationwide; and empower 4-H youth to create positive social change in their communities. Delegates return to their home communities with a greater sense of 4-H in the US and as a global movement.

4-H members that are 16 years of age and older can apply for 4-H national travel opportunities. They are selected through an application and interview process based on their involvement in their 4-H club and the greater community.

### **4-H Leaders Attended 4-H Canada Leadership Summit**

Seven Nova Scotia 4-H Leaders were selected to attend the 4-H Canada Leadership Summit in Ottawa, February 18 - 21.

The 2016 conference promoted 4-H programs and activities that had a focus on health and well-being of youth, their communities and their planet. Leaders learned about using experiential and outdoor educational programming to assist in teaching 4-H youth to be stewards of the environment and develop sustainable solutions. Staying healthy and active was another goal of the conference.

Programing focused on how youth can take care of themselves and others, to learn positive ways to stay healthy and active, and to make informed choices about their health and the health of the planet. Volunteer leaders play significant and pivotal roles in the 4-H program.

To recognize their contribution all 4-H leaders are encouraged to apply each November for an opportunity to attend this conference and several are selected to attend the annual Leadership Summit through an application process.

The leaders selected to attend the 2016 4-H Leadership Summit were:

Dianne Cox and Amy Levesconte, Inverness County;  
Sally van de Weil, Antigonish County;  
Cathy Lavers, Pictou County;  
Catherine Manning, Hants County;  
Jacqueline Melvin, Kings County;  
Dianne Barrie, Lunenburg County.

Dianne Cox appreciated the opportunity to talk to and share resources with other 4-H leaders from across Canada and especially those from the Atlantic provinces. "The National 4-H Leadership Summit was everything you want in a get- away weekend, great speakers, food, accommodations, friends and sightseeing as well. Be sure to apply for this travel opportunity!"

These leaders had a wealth of experience to share with other 4-H leaders at the conference and were inspired to improve their regional and provincial 4-H program with the information they brought back.

Jacqueline Melvin had a great experience. "I brought back new ideas on how to keep members motivated and other ideas that I would like to see us do to hopefully keep the older members engaged in the 4-H program".

## Atlantic 4-H Conference to Be Held in Debert

The Atlantic Intermediate 4-H Conference will be Out of this World Ag...citing for 100 4-H members from March 18 - 20 at the Debert Hospitality Centre. This interactive conference is designed to energize the 4-H members, build leadership skills, introduce them to local food and innovations in agriculture.

“This conference is for youth ages - 13 - 15, a keen group that will learn skills and tools needed to make their club and community the best it can be.” said Laurie Sandeson, Provincial 4-H Program Coordinator. The Atlantic 4-H Committee is pleased to host such an exciting event@.

Whether they are involved at the club, community or national level, the delegates will be able to take something home. Amazing professional speakers, interesting tours and hands on activities will provide both the 4-H members and leaders with a weekend filled with thought provoking ideas.

The 4-H members will participate in team building exercises, a UFit fitness program, tour of the Perennia Innovation Centre and activities on the DAL Agricultural Campus.



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## Nova Scotia Farm Loan Board

### Interest Rates

As of January 1, 2015 (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	2.65%		2.65%	2.45%
6-10	3.25%	3.25%	2.95%	2.60%
11-15	3.90%	3.65%	3.10%	2.65%
16-20	4.45%	4.00%	3.15%	2.70%
21-25	4.80%	4.00%	3.15%	2.70%
26-30	5.10%	4.05%	3.20%	2.70%

\* 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**

[novascotia.ca/farmloan](http://novascotia.ca/farmloan)



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

### **Pesticide Re-Certification Course – Cape Breton**

A course could be offered in mid-April if there are enough people interested. **This course** is eligible for five points under the Nova Scotia Department of Environment pesticide recertification program. Participants are asked to bring pencil/pen, a calculator and their current pesticide license. **Please contact Jim to register at 902-538-7101 or email marbicon@eastlink.ca.**

### **Pesticide Certification Course to prep for writing Pesticide Exam**

The full course normally runs 1 1/2 days, with the exam offered on the afternoon of the second day by a Nova Scotia Department of Environment representative. Otherwise the candidates would have to set up writing the exam on their own time. We would need at least 10 people in the class

The cost per person is \$150 including HST. Instructor provides all learning materials including manual. The instruction can be modified to suit most certificates (agriculture, landscape, greenhouse, forestry, etc), depending on who is registered. The course usually runs 9am-4:30pm. A course could be offered in mid-April if there are enough people interested.

Instructor **Jim Jotcham** has been professionally working with pesticides since 1979 and has been offering pesticide training courses and workshops since 1990. Jim is knowledgeable about the latest products and has the necessary hands-on experience to make this a most entertaining and instructive course. For more information or to register, contact the NSDA office at 902- 563-2000.

### **Hay for Sale?**

The Cape Breton Agricultural office is gathering a contact list of individuals who have or will have hay for sale this 2016 season. Each year the regional offices receive numerous calls from livestock owners who are looking to purchase hay and other feeds. If you would like to have your name added to the contact list or you are looking to purchase hay please call our office at 902-563-2000.

### **Soil and Water Sampling**

The Strathlorne Nursery is now accepting soil and water samples for delivery to our labs in Truro. Sample kits and information can be picked up at their main office in the main building. For more information contact Shirley MacArthur at 902-258-2626

### **Upcoming Food Handler Courses 2016**

Antigonish - March 16, May 4 and June 15, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.,  
St. Ninian's Cathedral  
Sydney – March 23, April 20, May 18 and June 22, 9:00a.m.-4:00 p.m.,  
Grand Lake Fire Hall

[Register online for your Food Hygiene Course at novascotia.ca/mybusiness](http://novascotia.ca/mybusiness)

On-line Food Handler Courses are also available at:  
<http://www.traincan.com/basicsfst/nsagriculture.html>

### **Community Pastures**

Community Pastures will be starting up for this pasture season and most pastures can always use additional cattle numbers to maintain viable operations. Also, as the summer continues you may find you need extra feed or pasture, so consider placing cattle on a community pasture. There are several pastures operating around Cape Breton each year and you can call our Department of Agriculture office if you are looking for contact information.

The Cape Mabou Community Pasture will once again be accepting animals for the 2016 pasture season, if you are looking for dates, rates or more information please contact the Sydney office at 563-2000.

### **Cape Breton Region 4-H News**

**Cape Breton  
Regional 4-H -  
Let's All Be  
Green in 2016**



4-H clubs are starting another calendar year and are looking forward to an exciting and rewarding year. Workshops offered by 4-H staff help our membership to grow their skills in the areas of agri-awareness, leadership, meeting management, communications and entrepreneurship.

The 4-H program is always changing to meet the demand of the youth involved. These workshops contribute to developing well-rounded, skilled, confident and community-minded youth and volunteer leaders.

## **Small Steps, Great Distances 4-H Workshop**

Two 4-H junior member workshops were held on the island in February. In total 70 4-H members attended.

These workshops provided our junior members the opportunity to polish their team building and leadership skills. The workshops focus on hands-on activities and lots of opportunities to meet other youth from all over the island.

Topics included project judging, entrepreneurship, the local food movement, and team building through games, agriculture awareness and physical recreation. The workshops are open to 4-H members 7-13 years old and youth outside the 4-H program.

## **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 4-H camp has created many memories over the years and will into the future. Members can apply for any camp week and the application deadline is May 2.

Applications are available online at: <https://www.esourceevent.com/event/group.aspx?EventName=CampRankin>

## **Attention: Inverness County 4-H Members**

If a member in Inverness County is interested in attending Camp Rankin on the Camp Rankin Scholarship, they should submit an essay addressing the topic "Why I would like to go to Camp Rankin this Year". The essay should be a couple of paragraphs long and can be sent to the Inverness County 4-H Council, c/o NSDA, Box 70, Mabou, NS B0E 1X0. The deadline to apply is March 23. If you have any questions, please contact your general leader or send an email to [Rhonda.MacDougall@novascotia.ca](mailto:Rhonda.MacDougall@novascotia.ca)

## **Moved, Seconded... Passed!**

Are you interested in learning how to run a meeting - or maybe, how to be a more active participant in meetings with your 4-H club, your school groups, or in your community? Meetings can be confusing, but some basic knowledge can make them more productive, interesting and interactive. The basics of the workshop will focus on meeting preparation, the roles of executive members, planning an agenda, making motions, maintaining order, and taking care of business.

There is no charge to attend the session, however, preregistration is required. If you are interested in a workshop in your area, please book a session with your 4-H office. Currently, two sessions have been tentatively set for the region.

Mark the dates and watch for additional information on these Meeting Management Workshops:

Wednesday, March 23 - Richmond County

Tuesday, April 19 - Inverness County

## **4-H Wool & Recycle Craft Workshop**

4-H members, leaders and friends of 4-H will participate in a wool and recycled themed craft workshop. This is a hands on workshop where the goal is to work on and complete a project in a day. Lunch will be potluck or bagged on Saturday, March 5 at the Evergreen Seniors Club, Port Hawkesbury from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Sessions will include making Touch or Fidget quilts, knitting 101 and dry/wet felting. This workshop is open to Leaders and 4-H Members in Cape Breton Island Region, Antigonish, and Guysborough Counties.

## **Upcoming 4-H Events**

- Richmond County Council Meeting - March 21, MacEacherns
- Inverness County Council Meeting - March 22, NSDA office
- Richmond County Meeting Management Workshop - March 23
- Richmond County Rally- Lakeside Hall - April 9
- Regional Rally - April 16, Baddeck
- Inverness County Meeting Management Workshop - April 19
- Richmond Judging Day - May 11
- Inverness Judging Day - May 12
- Lakeside Achievement Day - May 17, Lakeside Hall
- Richmond County 4-H Show - May 18-19, Camp Rankin
- County Line Life Skills Achievement Day - May 18
- Cape Breton County Judging Day - May 24 - 25
- Victoria County Judging Day - May 30

For more information about the 4-H program, to start a club in your area, or to have us arrange training/workshops, please contact: Marina Gillis in Sydney at 902- 563-2000 (phone); 902- 563-3435 (fax) or email [Marina.Gillis@novascotia.ca](mailto:Marina.Gillis@novascotia.ca) Rhonda MacDougall in Mabou at 902-945-2901 (phone); 902-945-2858 (fax) or email [Rhonda.MacDougall@novascotia.ca](mailto:Rhonda.MacDougall@novascotia.ca)

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## **Regional News** Eastern: Antigonish, Guysborough and Pictou Counties

### **Confined Space Entry Awareness**

#### **Farm Safety Nova Scotia**

Member Cost: \$75 (includes lunch)

Participants will learn about the hazards of working in confined spaces on the farm, and the protective measures and equipment that help ensure a safer working environment.

#### **Who should attend?**

Those required to enter confined spaces on the farm.

Truro - Tuesday, March 8

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Pre-register with [info@farmsafetyns.ca](mailto:info@farmsafetyns.ca) or 902-893-2293

### **Crop Planning for Vegetable Growers- Frédéric Thériault**

#### **Co-author of *Crop Planning for Organic Vegetable Growers***

This workshop provides a structure for figuring out how to make money with a market garden. It hones in on core decisions of farm success: which crops to grow, when to plant them, and in what quantities. Then it provides a logical, linear process for getting it all done, on time.

The workshop is designed with practical in-class exercises to apply the knowledge gained. To register, contact Cheryl at 902-679-6021 or email [Cheryl.Theriau@novascotia.ca](mailto:Cheryl.Theriau@novascotia.ca)

Date: March 18, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Location: Rm. 214,

90 Research Drive, Bible Hill NS.

Registration Fee: There is **no cost**

### **Egg Farmers Extending Free Range Deadline**

Due to high interest in the program, EFNS has extended the deadline for its New Entrant Program by an additional 30 days. The New Entrant Program will award selected new egg farmers with a no-cost quota lease for up to 500 laying hens, provided that they produce free run, free range or certified organic eggs. The program is aimed at meeting increased consumer demand for locally produced specialty eggs.

#### **UPDATED: The program will accept applications for sixty days beginning January 15, 2016 and ending March 14, 2016.**

For more information please contact

Geneve Newcombe, Chair

Egg Farmers of Nova Scotia 902-895-6341

### **Tractor Operator Safety - Antigonish**

April 29-30 - Tractor Operator Safety (\$225/person + HST). Offered by Dalhousie Faculty of Agriculture in partnership with Farm Safety Nova Scotia. Register with [Extended.Learning@dal.ca](mailto:Extended.Learning@dal.ca)  
Location TBD

### **Antigonish Winter Market**

The Antigonish Winter Market is in its second year and is happy to be seeing a wonderful response. The Winter Market is held every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. with 50 vendors participating, live music and a seating area for those who wish to sit and enjoy music and a snack.

Some of the locally-made crafts featured include skin care products, photography, doggie treats, knitted goods, paper crafts, jewelry, beeswax candles, woodworking, refurbished furniture, home baked pies, rolls, cookies, jams, jellies, and fudge. Squares can be purchased each week and onsite food vendors feature burritos, samosas, sausages, organic chocolate, paninis, and tea/coffee to name a few.

A Community Table is also available for non-profit organizations who wish to promote their fundraising. It's great to have such support from the local community.

## New Glasgow Farmers Market

The New Glasgow Farmers Market has now expanded to a year round operation! We are very proud to have celebrated the Grand Opening of our new, heated market building on January 9, allowing us to stay open all year round!

We are currently open for our Winter Market every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and we will celebrate the Grand Opening of our expanded summer market on May 21 where we will have the ability to accommodate more than 70 local producers, artisans and musicians, providing an extensive selection of local goods and complete shopping experience to Pictou County and beyond!

Look for exciting events and community fun in the coming months. Find us on Facebook and Twitter or check our website at [www.ngfarmmarket.com](http://www.ngfarmmarket.com) We are Local, Fresh and Flourishing!

### Food Safety Training

If you require a food safety course for yourself or a group you work with, please check

<http://novascotia.ca/agri/programs-and-services/food-protection/food-hygiene-course/scheduled-courses/northeast/> or contact Sam Robichaud. Phone: 902-485-7162 or [samantha.robichaud@novascotia.ca](mailto:samantha.robichaud@novascotia.ca)

### Training Opportunities

If you require training updates in the areas of First Aid, Pesticide Certification or Recertification or are interested in financial training please call Laureen at 902-8634705 or [Laureen.Boyd@novascotia.ca](mailto:Laureen.Boyd@novascotia.ca)

## Eastern Region 4-H News

### Upcoming Pictou County 4-H Dates

- 4-H Council Meeting - March 9, 7:00 p.m., Northumberland
- Swimming - March 12, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m., Pictou County Wellness Centre
- Pictou County 4-H Rally - April 6, 6:00 p.m., Northumberland (storm date April 8)
- County Woodsmen Competition - April 9, 10:00 a.m.
- Junior Member Workshop - April 15, location TBA
- Eastern Region 4-H Rally - April 19, 6:00 p.m., location TBA
- Pictou County to host. Storm date April 26
- 4-H Council Meeting - April 20, 7:00 p.m., Northumberland
- Nova Scotia 4-H Weekend - May 6 - 7, DAL AC , Bible Hill
- 4-H Council meeting - May 18, 7:00 p.m., Northumberland
- 4-H Judging Day - May 25, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Exhibition Grounds

### Upcoming Antigonish County 4-H Dates

- 4-H Council Meeting - March 8, 7:00 p.m.
- Entry Deadline - County Rally, March 25
- Antigonish County 4-H Rally - April 2, 9:00 a.m., Antigonish Ed Centre
- 4-H Council Meeting - April 12, 7:00 p.m.
- Eastern Region 4-H Rally - April 19, 6:00 p.m., Guysborough
- Nova Scotia 4-H Weekend - May 6 - 7, DAL AC , Bible Hill
- 4-H Council meeting - May 10, 7:00 p.m.
- Exhibition Committee meeting - May 10, 8:00 p.m.
- CACL - Evening Collection, May 23 or during week of May 23rd
- Antigonish/Guysborough 4-H Judging Day - May 24, 2:30 -4:00 p.m. & 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.



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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, Business Development Officers and administrative support. 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.

Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture  
Agriculture and Food Advisory Services  
90 Research Drive, Suite 112  
Truro, NS B6L 2R2

- Michael Kittilsen, Agriculture Resource Coordinator - 902-893-3645  
[Michael.Kittilsen@novascotia.ca](mailto:Michael.Kittilsen@novascotia.ca)
- Jacqueline Hoyt, Agriculture Leadership Coordinator - 902-893-6586  
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- Rebecca Sooksom, Agricultural Transition Officer - 902-896-1288  
[Rebecca.Sooksom@novascotia.ca](mailto:Rebecca.Sooksom@novascotia.ca)
- Danny Small, Business Development Officer - 902-956-4463  
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- Jillian Garland, Administrative Assistant - 902-893-6575  
[Jillian.Garland@novascotia.ca](mailto:Jillian.Garland@novascotia.ca)
- Christina Jones, Business Development Officer - 902-956-2800  
[Christina.Jones@novascotia.ca](mailto:Christina.Jones@novascotia.ca)

### **Welcome to our new Business Development Officers**

Please join us in welcoming Danny Small and Christina Jones to the Business Development Officer positions for the next ten months.

Danny has been with the provincial government since 2009. He began working with the Department of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism as a Planning and Advanced Education as a Team Lead. He has a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Diploma in Technology Management and Entrepreneurship from the University of New Brunswick.

Danny brings with him several years experience working collaboratively with various for-profit and not-for-profit organizations, municipalities and social enterprises within Cumberland and Colchester Counties. Danny has experience in business development, project management and has been trained in productivity and continuous improvement practices.

Danny will work out of the Truro office and cover the Central Region.

Christina has been working in the Policy and Corporate Services Division for seven years as an Economist.

Prior to joining the Department of Agriculture, she was an Economist with the Department of Finance. Christina has a BSc in Mathematics and Statistics from Acadia University and MA studies in Economics from Dalhousie University.

She is an active member of the Truro and Dartmouth communities, working part-time with a non-profit organization that provides support and assistance to persons living with a disability, as well as volunteering with the Cobequid Special Olympics basketball team.

As the Business Development Officer Christina will work out of the Truro office three days and the Kentville office two days a week.

### **Do You Have the Proper Driver's License?**

If you have a farm tractor trailer combination over 14,000 kg, you need a Condition 23 Endorsement and if you are hauling any trailer (with a truck or tractor) that has a weight over 4500kg, you need a Condition 15 Endorsement on your license to legally drive on Nova Scotia roads. These regulations apply to class 5 license.

If you are interested in obtaining these endorsements, contact Michael Kittilsen 902-893-3645  
[Michael.Kittilsen@novascotia.ca](mailto:Michael.Kittilsen@novascotia.ca) or Jillian Garland 902-893-6575 or [JillianGarland@novascotia.ca](mailto:JillianGarland@novascotia.ca) at the Central Office.

## Upcoming dates for Condition 15/23 Information and Testing sessions are:

Information Session  
(recommended):

Wednesday, April 27

Testing Session: Thursday, May 5

### **CONDITION 15 PROCESS:**

Purchase a Road Test Receipt (\$51.43 HST Incl.) at Access Nova Scotia or online

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr/drivertest.asp>.

### **CONDITION 23 PROCESS:**

1. Have Driver's Medical Exam completed by your Doctor

2. Purchase a Road Test Receipt (\$51.43 HST Incl.) at Access Nova Scotia or online

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr/drivertest.asp>.

You must register with the Central Region Office first and have a valid driver's license ("N" removed for Condition 23) to be eligible for testing. The form for the Medical Exam and more information is available by calling 893-6575 and speaking to Jillian Garland.

## Central Region 4-H News

The new 4-H year is upon us and its already shaping up to be a great year! Many clubs will be hosting their public speaking rallies during the month of February and March. Public speaking is an important part of the 4-H program and a great learning experience. I encourage everyone 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!

Here are a few tips for Public Speaking!

### **HOW TO WRITE A SPEECH**

A speech should be written in 4 steps

1. Preparation
2. Body
3. Introduction
4. Conclusion

#### **PREPARATION**

- Start early
- Jot down all related ideas
- Do a bit of reading/research on the subject.
- Decide which ideas you want to use for your speech.

#### **BODY**

- Write out an outline
- Decide on main points/headings
- Organize points in order that they would be best explained.

#### **INTRODUCTION**

- Try to get the audience's attention
- Link to main body

#### **CONCLUSION**

- Summary of what has been said

### **DEMONSTRATION TIPS**

#### **TOPIC**

Sit down and brainstorm ideas for your demo. It should be suitable to your age and you should feel comfortable doing it. Many choose a demo related to their 4-H project, but food and craft demos are the most popular. Topics should be large enough to see from a distance.

#### **SET-UP**

Attention should be given to organizing materials beforehand. Use a tray or a case to carry things in. Decorate a box. Don't clutter - set up materials on each side, leaving the center clear for working. Chart stand must be where everyone can see it, and where it doesn't block view.

#### **PRESENTATION**

Know your material. Cue cards are acceptable, but can be distracting...practice using them. Organize your demo in steps... Don't worry about memorizing it exactly.



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## **BE ENTHUSIASTIC**

Enjoy what you are doing from beginning to end. Practice working with your head up for eye contact. Avoid “dead spots” in your demo.

## **WORKMANSHIP**

Practice these steps so that you feel comfortable doing them. Don't worry about mistakes. Prepare yourself for ways to deal with them. No one knows how you planned to do your demo. Work in the center of the table. Be sure everything can be seen. Work up (eyes & hands) as much as possible. Show each step

## **CHARTS**

Do these yourself. Keep them simple and attractive. They should be readable from a distance. Check spelling. Place charts where everybody can see them, but they don't block what you are doing.

## **GENERAL HINTS -**

- Timing is important...15 minutes is the maximum.
- Chart stand...practice with it.
- If using electricity, check for outlets, keep cords safely out of the way. Take an extension cord, make sure the plugs work.
- Food demos - pre-measure and label ingredients, put them in clear containers, use glass bowls. Use an apron and hair net or hat.
- If your demo has messy parts, keep a damp cloth on the side and use a small bag for garbage.

## **National Award Winners:**

Some of the National Awards were recently announced. Michael Congdon of the Onslow-Belmont 4-H Club in Colchester County will attend the very prestigious 4-H Citizenship Congress which will be held in Ottawa in early May. The rest of the 4-H National Travel Awards will be announced at 4-H weekend in May.

## **Kevin Grant Memorial Leadership Award**

Beth O'Connell (Stewiacke Valley 4-H Club - Colchester County), Taylor MacPhee (Shu-Mil 4-H Club - Halifax-East Hants County) and Natalie Wood (Linden 4-H Club - Cumberland County) were selected to attend the Kevin Grant Memorial Leadership tour along with 14 other 4-H members from across the province during March Break. The delegates will be starting off their tour in Bible Hill with a tour of the Perennia Innovation Centre before moving onto East-Hants and Halifax for the remainder of the event. The purpose of this award is to learn about the industries and museums that operate within the area.

## **Upcoming 4-H Meetings:**

### ***Colchester County 4-H Council Meetings:***

March 28 and April 25 at the Truro Farmers' Market at 7:00 p.m.

### ***Cumberland County 4-H Council Meetings 8:00 p.m.***

### ***Halifax-East Hants County 4-H Council Meetings:***

March 15 and April 19 at Hants East Rural High School at 7:00 p.m.

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

Jacqueline Hoyt at:  
(902)-893-6586 or  
[Jacqueline.Hoyt@novascotia.ca](mailto:Jacqueline.Hoyt@novascotia.ca)  
Agriculture Leadership Coordinator  
Central Region

## **Woodland Conference 2016**

**Oxford Regional Education Centre**  
**249 Lower Main Street, Oxford**  
**Saturday, April 2, 2016**  
**9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

A full day conference where professionals and woodland owners talk about issues and resources to help you manage your land sustainably. View exhibit area and meet other woodland owners

**Registration \$25.00**  
**Students \$15.00**

*(First 20 Students registered free) [Cash or cheque at the door]*  
Includes lunch and a chance to win valuable door prizes.

Sponsors: NSDNR, Mun Cumberland, ASF, FNS, FNSWO, CIF, Northern Pulp, Wilsons Equipment, North Nova, Conform, Athol Forestry, GTNI, JD Irving & NSP.

To Pre-register call 1-855-679-6637  
[www.nswoods.ca](http://www.nswoods.ca)

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

### **Hants County Federation of Agriculture Dinner/Dance**

The Hants County Federation of Agriculture is planning a celebratory Spring Dinner for Saturday, March 12 at the Windsor Community Centre. Chef Chris Velden of the Flying Apron will be preparing a meal along with farmer/chef Domenic Padula. There will be a band and cash bar featuring local beer and wine. Tickets will be available at the Brooklyn Feed Mill and other locations as they are confirmed.

The Hants County Federation of Agriculture is also planning to host a First Aid course in Brooklyn in March.

We would like to invite more Hants County farmers to get involved! Contact Jen if you are interested in being a director, or have ideas for Hants County ([jenredfox@gmail.com](mailto:jenredfox@gmail.com)).

### **Lunenburg Queens County Federation of Agriculture Dinner/Dance**

The Lunenburg Queens County Federation of Agriculture will be holding their Spring Dinner/Dance on April 27 at the Forties Community Centre in New Ross. All are welcome.

### **Kings County Federation of Agriculture Bursary**

Once again this year the KCFA will be offering a \$500.00 bursary for anyone attending Dal/AC. If you or someone you know is interested in applying, please email Gail Walsh at [gwalsh@perennia.ca](mailto:gwalsh@perennia.ca) or check out the application form on the KCFA website: <http://kingscountyagriculture.com>. Applications are due by June 3.

### **Annapolis County Federation of Agriculture Livestock Sale**

Cattle sales will be held on April 30 and May 28 at the Annapolis Valley Exhibition Grounds in Lawrencetown. Details can be found on their Facebook page, Lawrencetown Cattle Sale.

### **Crop Planning for Vegetable Growers**

Frédéric Thériault, Co-author of *Crop Planning for Organic Vegetable Growers* published by Canadian Organic Growers will be guest speaker at this very informative workshop scheduled for March 17 at the Agricultural Centre in Kentville and on March 18 in Room 214, 90 Research Dr., Truro. Both workshops will run from 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

This workshop provides a much-needed structure for figuring out how to make money on a market garden. It hones in on the core issues of farm success: which crops to grow, when to plant them, and in what quantities. Then it provides a logical, linear process for getting it all done, on time. The workshop is designed with practical in-class exercises to apply the knowledge gained.

Registration Fee: There is **no cost** to attend this event, however space is limited.

Registration deadline: Based on room capacity.

To register, contact Cheryl at 902-679-6021 or email [Cheryl.Theriau@novascotia.ca](mailto:Cheryl.Theriau@novascotia.ca)

### **South Shore Agriculture Day**

A day devoted to celebrating agriculture in the South Shore region of Nova Scotia will take place on March 19 at the Best Western Plus in Liverpool. This free admission, day-long event will allow new and transitioning farmers to learn, network and sample some successful agricultural products. One of the guest speakers will be Frédéric Thériault of Tourne-Sol Cooperative Farm. Mr. Thériault will speak in the morning on *Cooperative Farms and the Tools for Success Gardening* and in the afternoon on *Crop Planning for Organic Vegetable Production*. Many other speakers will inform and inspire participants throughout the day. Check our ad in the upcoming *Rural Delivery* magazine for full schedule. To register please call 902-354-5741 or by email [registration@southshoreagriculture.ca](mailto:registration@southshoreagriculture.ca).

### **Email Addresses**

In an effort to improve communication with clients, we are collecting email addresses. If you would like to occasionally receive remainders, notices, or this newsletter via email, please provide your email address to Cheryl Theriau at [Cheryl.Theriau@novascotia.ca](mailto:Cheryl.Theriau@novascotia.ca). If you would like to be removed from our mailing list, please email Cheryl or call 902-679-6021.

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*Let's All be Green in 2016!*

### South Shore 4-H News

#### Upcoming 4-H Events

- Shelburne Co. 4-H Council Meeting - March 7, 6:30 p.m., Sobeys Community Room, Barrington
- Queens Co. 4-H Council Meeting - March 9, 6:30 p.m., Westfield Hall, Caledonia
- Queens Co. 4-H Speaking Rally - March 29, 10:00 a.m., Westfield Hall, Caledonia
- Lunenburg Co. 4-H Speaking Rally - April 2, 10:00 a.m., Wileville Fire Hall, Wileville
- Shelburne Co. 4-H Speaking Rally - April 12, 10:00 a.m., Ohio Community Hall, Ohio
- South Shore Regional 4-H Speaking Rally - April 29, 10:00 a.m., North Queens Community School, Caledonia
- Queens Co. 4-H Judging Day - May 19, 3:00-5:30 p.m., Westfield Hall, Caledonia
- Lunenburg Co. 4-H Judging Day - May 25, 3:30-7:00 p.m., 4-H Barn at South Shore Exhibition Grounds, Bridgewater
- Shelburne Co. 4-H Judging Day - 3:30-5:00 p.m., Hillcrest Academy, Shelburne

### Valley 4-H News

Colin Hirtle has accepted the position of Agriculture Leadership Coordinator (ALC) in Kentville. Colin has worked the past year on the South Shore as ALC.

Colin grew up in Cookville, Lunenburg Co. where as a child he spent a lot of time working on his grandparents' and uncle's farm. This fueled his interest in agriculture.

Colin graduated from the Nova Scotia Agricultural College (now DAL-AC) with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture and a Minor in Agriculture Business and a Certificate of Specialization in Organic Agriculture. He has spent the past year and a half working for the Department as an ALC in the South Shore Region.

Colin and his wife Elizabeth have a two boys who they hope will share their passion for agriculture.

Colin is very excited to be working out of the Kentville Office as an Agriculture Leadership Coordinator for the Valley Region.

For more information on the Valley 4-H program Colin can be reached at [Colin.Hirtle@novascotia.ca](mailto:Colin.Hirtle@novascotia.ca) or at 902-679-6027.

### Upcoming 4-H Events

- Kings Co. 4-H Council Meeting - March 7, 7:30 p.m., Scotian Gold Boardroom, Coldbrook.
- Hants Co. 4-H Royalty Event - March 5, Rawdon Gold Mines Comm. Hall, Upper Rawdon.
- Hants Co. 4-H Council Meeting - March 14, 7:00 p.m., West Hants Middle School, Brooklyn.
- Hants Co. 4-H Speaking Rally - April, date and location TBA.
- Valley Regional 4-H Speaking Rally - April, date and location TBA.
- Hants Co. 4-H Woodsman Competition - April 2, Noel & District Fire Hall, Noel.
- Kings Co. 4-H Council Meeting - April 4, 7:30 p.m., Scotian Gold Boardroom, Coldbrook.
- Kings County Rally - April 9, 9:30 a.m., Evangeline Middle School, New Minas.
- Hants Co. 4-H Council Meeting - April 11, 7:00 p.m., West Hants Middle School, Brooklyn.
- Kings Co. 4-H Council Meeting - May 2, 7:30 p.m., Scotian Gold Boardroom, Coldbrook.
- Hants Co. 4-H Council Meeting - May 9, 7:00 p.m., West Hants Middle School, Brooklyn.



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

### **Lawrencetown Cattle Sales**

April 30 and May 28, 2016 - Annapolis Valley Exhibition Grounds

10:30 a.m. - Non-livestock items

1:00 p.m. - all forms of livestock

Cash, debit, visa, no cheques

Dining Hall open

More details available on Kijiji and

Facebook: Lawrencetown Cattle Sale

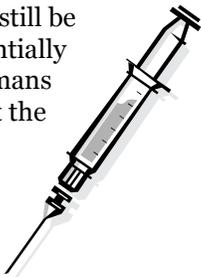
### **Mail Address Changes**

Canada Post has requested that you include your civic number in your mailing address? To keep the mailing list up to date, please call Gina Chapelhow at 902-638-2395 or contact her by email at [gina.chapelhow@novascotia.ca](mailto:gina.chapelhow@novascotia.ca) with your changes. Also, if you would rather receive an electronic copy of the newsletter instead of a paper copy, please e-mail Gina with your request.

### **Need a Sharps Container?**

Livestock producers generate medical waste on a regular basis. These wastes include sharps such as syringes, needles, broken glass tubes, lancets and scalpel blades. If not disposed of properly they can injure livestock and family members; increase risk of spreading infection; pollute the environment; and put waste handlers at risk.

Sharps must not be discarded in regular household garbage. Sharps containers have been specifically designed for disposing of sharps. When the container is full, the contents should still be considered potentially infectious to humans and animals, but the risk is low. For disposal in any municipality, you must first check with your local disposal site to see what they have in place to accept sharps.



These containers can be picked up at the Department of Agriculture office in Cornwallis Park. Call 902-638-2395 for hours and information

## **Western Region 4-H News**

### **Note: Look for Chocolate Bar Sales in March**



- Annapolis County 4-H Leaders Council meeting - March 9, 7:00 p.m. Community Services Boardroom B
- Kevin Grant Memorial Tour - March 14-16
- "Plant A Seed" Jr. Members Workshop - March 15, Digby Library, 1:00 p.m. and March 16, Sobeys Yarmouth 1:00 p.m.
- Yarmouth County 4-H leaders Council meeting - March 16, place TBA, 7:00 p.m.
- Digby County 4-H Leaders Council - March 17, Digby Library, 7:00 p.m.
- Atlantic Intermediate 4-H Conference - March 18 - 20, Debert
- Digby County 4-H Rally - April 9
- Annapolis County 4-H Rally - April 9
- Yarmouth County 4-H Rally - April 10
- Western Regional 4-H Rally - April 23, hosted by Annapolis County
- Annapolis County 4-H leaders Council meeting - April 13, Community Services Boardroom, 7:00 p.m.
- Yarmouth County 4-H Leaders Council meeting - place TBA, 7:00 p.m.
- Digby County 4-H Leaders Council meeting - April 21, place TBA, 7:00 p.m.
- 4-H Weekend - May 6-7, Bible Hill
- Judging Clinic - May 10, Lawrencetown
- Annapolis County 4-H Leaders Council Meeting - May 11, Community Services Boardroom Middleton, 7:00 p.m.
- Progressive Farm Safety Day - May 14, Bridgewater
- Livestock Registration Day - May 15
- Yarmouth County 4-H Leaders Council meeting - May 18, place TBA, 7:00 p.m.
- Digby County 4-H Leaders Council meeting - May 19, Library 7:00 p.m.
- Fluff n Buff - May 20-22, Lawrencetown
- Livestock Judging Annapolis County - May 21, 6:00 p.m., Lawrencetown
- Life Skills Judging for Annapolis County - May 24, Lawrencetown