

# Member and Staff Contact Information

## Council Members

### *Charles Keddy*

Charles Keddy has been farming in the Annapolis Valley since 1977, when he and his wife Doris purchased their first farm. The family business has expanded over the years, and Charles has been honored with several awards. These include an Outstanding Young Farmer of Canada award in 1992 and the Nova Scotia Institute of Agrologists' Outstanding Farmer of 2001. Charles has served as Chair or Vice-Chair of numerous agricultural boards in Nova Scotia, and he currently serves as the Chair of Perennia Food and Agriculture Inc., a provincial development agency supporting food-related companies in Nova Scotia.

### *Carol Versteeg*

Carol Versteeg holds a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from Macdonald College of McGill University. Carol has a dairy farming background and is a former co-owner of Barneybrook Farms. She was the Executive Director of the Soil & Crop Improvement Association of Nova Scotia for 15 years and was instrumental in getting the organization up and running. She was a member of the Nova Scotia Farm Loan Board from 1994-2008, serving as Vice-Chair for the final three years of her term. In 2017 Carol was given the award of Honorary Member of the Nova Scotia Institute of Agrologists.

### *John Vissers*

John C. H. Vissers, MacKay Siding, Colchester County, has operated a dairy farm since 1983, cultivating his experience in agricultural production practices as well as risk factors. Mr. Vissers has over twenty years serving on numerous boards and committees in various capacities. Mr. Vissers has experience working with diverse groups, is a capable decision maker, as well as he has the ability to deal with confidential information with a high degree of integrity.

### *Charlie MacKenzie*

Charlie MacKenzie, Morristown, Antigonish County, has been a beef farmer for over 40 years and is a retired commercial fisherman. Charlie's knowledge of the beef industry extends across the country as he has served on the board of the Canadian Cattlemen's Association and is past chair of the Beef Council Research Committee. Charlie's ability to listen and negotiate, along with his commitment to the betterment of the organizations he has served is evident in the positions he has held. These include serving on the boards of the N.S. Cattlemen's (now N.S. Cattle Producers), the Antigonish-Guysborough Federation of Agriculture and the Antigonish Farmers Mutual Insurance Company. Charlie joined the Council in December 2020.

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