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Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture Announces Award Winner!

Truro - The 6th Annual Nova Scotia Environmental Stewardship Award was awarded to Kevin Veinotte and family from Out To Pasture Farm located in West Northfield, Lunenburg County at NSFA's Annual Meeting Banquet on November 27th.

"The Veinotte Family are deserving winners of this award." Says Dennis Boudreau, President of Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture, who was on hand for the award presentation. "They are true leaders in the agriculture community and demonstrate environmental stewardship to their full potential."

"You can't help but be impressed when you visit the Veinotte's farm," Says Environmental Farm Plan Team Manager, Kathryn Bremner. "They have such a deep respect for the farm and the environment. Environmental sustainability is incorporated into every component of their operation."

Out to Pasture Farm is truly a diverse operation in West Northfield, Lunenburg County that consists of beef cattle, sheep, free range chickens, pasture, forage, Christmas trees, a woodlot and several acres of ponds, wetlands and areas reserved for wildlife. Instead of relying on sprays, beneficial insects are used to control pests within the Christmas trees and the barn yard. Rotational grazing, frost seeding and applying the farm's manure based on soil fertility tests and a nutrient management plan helps ensure productive pastures and forage fields. The farm has worked with several organizations to improve stream health, and fish and wildlife habitat on the farm. Streams have been fenced, digger logs installed and a large wetland has been constructed on the farm. The farm's woodlot is FSC certified and their sustainable woodlot management practices won them the 2007 Provincial Woodlot Owner of the Year.

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