



Media Release

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Organizations pleased with Food Goals

The Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture and the Ecology Action Centre are pleased to receive word that the Environmental Goals and Sustainable Prosperity Act (EGSPA) now include food goals.

As the Nova Scotia Legislature rose last week and the Green Economy Act, Bill 136 was proclaimed, the inclusion of two food goals in EGSPA is official.

The following are the two goals:

- local food consumption is supported and encouraged, with the goal of 20 per cent of the money spent on food by Nova Scotians being spent on locally produced food by 2020;
- local food production is supported and encouraged, with the goal of increasing the number of local farms by five per cent by 2020;

“Having these food goals in place meets a key policy objective of the Federation,” said Dennis Boudreau, President of the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture. “We need a Nova Scotia food strategy that provides a sustainable food system and meets the needs of all Nova Scotians as well as the Agricultural Industry.”

Marla MacLeod, Ecology Action Centre, says “This is a step forward for government support of a localized food system.” “By buying local, we can reduce our environmental impact and generate economic activity for rural Nova Scotia.”

Boudreau adds that “We look forward to the continued work of the EGSPA round table committee and our involvement in the development of these goals.” “We encourage consumers to look for local products, ask for Nova Scotia grown foods and buy local at their grocery store or market.”

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The Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture represents the interests of over 2400 farm families in Nova Scotia. Founded in 1895 to provide Nova Scotia's farm community with a single voice, the NSFA is the province's only general farm organization.