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**Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture
Annual Meeting Agenda**

Glengarry Convention Centre, Truro

November 24th & 25th, 2011

Invitation to participate in a Health & Wellness Screening Clinic – Farm Safety Nova Scotia has arranged for a Clinic to be held throughout this annual meeting. We invite you to take advantage of this opportunity and make an appointment for your wellness tests - please schedule your appointment at the registration desk.

Thursday, November 24th, 2011

- 9:00 a.m. - Registration & Sale of banquet tickets (\$20. per person) & Refreshments
- 10:00 a.m. - Call to Order – Mary McCarron, 1st Vice-President
- Invocation – Charles MacDonald
- Business meeting commences
- Declaration of Quorum
- Approval of Agenda
- President’s Address – Beth Densmore
- Minutes of last annual meeting (for adoption)
- Business arising from the minutes
- 11:00 a.m. - Auditors Report – PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Appointment of Auditor
- Presentation and Adoption of 2011/12 Budget
- Nomination Committee Report and first call for nominations – Willy Versteeg, Chairman
- Resolutions Committee Report - Edna Foster, Chairperson
- Atlantic Agricultural Leadership Program - Monique McTiernan, Executive Director
- 12:00 noon - Recess for lunch (Agri-Futures Annual Meeting in Salon AB) and opportunity to visit booths

- 1:00 p.m. - Meeting resumes
- Introduction of the Policy Session – Henry Vissers
- Farm Safety Nova Scotia – Peter Morine, President and Trevor Davison, Safety Consultant
- 2:00 p.m. - Viability of Canadian Agriculture – Dr. George Brinkman, Economist formerly with U. of Guelph (Presentation sponsored by Agriculture & Agri Food Canada)
- Resolutions
- Greetings and Comments by Nova Scotia Political Party Agriculture Critics:
 1) Chuck Porter, PC Party
 2) Leo Glavine, Liberal Party
- 3:15 p.m. - Coffee Break and visit display booths
- Resolutions
- 4:30 p.m. - Presentation by Minister of Agriculture, Hon. John MacDonell
- Presentation by Paul LaFleche, Deputy Minister of Agriculture
- 5:00 p.m. - Recess and visit display booths
- 6:30 p.m. - Reception
- 7:00 p.m. - Dinner (\$20.00 per person) (NSFA Senate Club joins us for dinner)
- “The Top Five Facts People Should Know About Canadian Agriculture” – Megan Smith, Shu-Mil 4-H Club (winner of the N.S. Young Speakers for Agriculture Competition)
- Environmental Stewardship Award presentation
- Guest Speaker – Paul Mussell, Ontario Dairy Farmer and Entertainer discussing life on the farm from a comedian’s perspective (Presentation sponsored by Farm Credit Canada)
- Door prizes

Friday, November 25th, 2011

- 8:30 a.m. - Early Bird Draw for Door Prizes (**must be in room to win**)
- Second call for further nominations
- Policy Wrap-up
- Resolutions
- 10:00 a.m. - Canadian Federation of Agriculture report – Ron Bonnett, President
- 10:15 a.m. - Nutrition Break and visit display booths
- 10:30 a.m. - Guest Speaker – Bureaucracy in Agriculture – Ian Cumming, Dairy Farmer and “Ontario Farmer” Columnist
- Open Mic Session on Current Issues in Agriculture
- 11:50 a.m. - Completion of Election Process
- 12:00 noon - Lunch (available at coffee tables) and viewing displays
(Note: Hotel check-out time is 12 noon)
- 1:00 p.m. - Resolutions, continued
- Farm Credit Canada’s Perspective on Agriculture – Faith Matchett, Vice-President of Eastern Ontario and Atlantic Operations
- Outlook 2021 – Bob Fraser, Gardner Pinfold Consulting Economists
- Resolutions, continued
- Unfinished Business
- 3:30 p.m. - Adjourn