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### Event Details

Date: March 26 & 27th, 2013

Location: Debert Hospitality Centre

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*Photos above are 2012 EFP Farm Stewardship Award finalists.*





## Where are we with slaughter and processing facilities?

### Henry Vissers

Executive Director, Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture

The ground continues to move under the feet of Nova Scotia farmers with the recent closures of slaughter lines at Antigonish Abattoir and OH Armstrongs. That's on top of a number of other changes to the processing side of agriculture with the most recent being the potential merger of Farmers Dairy with Agropur of Québec, with 3,288 farmer owners on the Agropur side and 116 with Farmers Dairy. Economies of scale and larger markets seem to be the obvious opportunities and two co-ops merging should mean less of a corporate culture shock for the two organizations.

Where did it start and where will it end? If we look back on a number of these closures in the past it's as a result of the loss of local ownership. The end of the pea and bean processing in the valley can be traced back to the time when Avon ownership shifted to a Québec company. Eventually they wanted to concentrate the production in Québec and made it difficult for the local plant to meet production and profit targets, resulting in the closure of the plant quickly followed by the removal of equipment.

Larsens and Hub meatpackers was a similar scenario, in hindsight once Maple Leaf bought out the local owners it was inevitable that they would want to concentrate production in upper and central Canada. Closing the Cunard poultry plant seems like it went along the same model. The plant closures certainly didn't seem like a lack of money if you read about the legal issues and the wealth in the McCain family.

(<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/record-breaking-divorce-ruling-against-maple-leaf-foods-president/article7284629/>)

The products these plants produced are still on Nova Scotia shelves, there are still lots of Maple Leaf products and Larsen's brand products even though none of it is

produced or processed in the Maritimes.

In some cases the market finds its own solution, the new poultry plant in the valley is an example of farmers insuring that there is a local processing option, partnering with a national entity made it possible for them to take advantage of the larger company while retaining local ownership.

For red meat it's not so simple, certainly there is the need for slaughter capacity in the red meat sector, Nothumberlamb has answered the call with their new federal slaughter line being opened soon. Closure of the OH Armstrong slaughter line and Tony's Meats slaughter line are blows to the industry, leaving less option for farmers.

For beef the need for regional federal slaughter was recognized long ago with the demise of Hub Meat Packers and the Maritime efforts culminating in the Atlantic Beef Products plant being built on PEI. The plant hasn't been without its issues but continues to survive in a tough market.

There are 24 provincially inspected plants in the province and a number of them slaughter beef, this is a tough business with tight margins and as with many farm businesses a myriad of red tape, my hat is off to the entrepreneurs that can make a go of these businesses.

There is no one size fits all when it comes to the success of these organizations; economies of scale seems to be important in some cases like dairy and the new poultry plant, along with retention of some local control. For others it's developing the markets with a personal touch. All recognize the importance of brand recognition and safe quality products.

Let's work hard to keep these businesses here and profitable, support them, invest in them, buy their products. We are after all, in this together.

Comments?  
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# Canadian Agriculture Safety Week

This March, the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA), the Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA), and exclusive corporate sponsor Farm Credit Canada (FCC) want to encourage farmers to “Get with the Plan!” just in time for **Canadian Agricultural Safety Week, March 10 to 16, 2013.**

Canadian Agricultural Safety Week (CASW) is an annual public education campaign focusing on the importance of practicing safe agriculture. In 2013, organizers want to inspire farmers to develop their own written health and safety plans by hearing about the struggles, and successes of other Canadian farmers.

Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture and Farm Safety Nova Scotia are pleased to be hosting one of two national launch events for Farm Safety Week.

On Wednesday, March 13th, there will be a **free one day On-Farm Inspection Training Course** as a part of a **FarmSafe Forum**

The course features a comprehensive hazard identification process that farmers and farm managers can use to identify risks and control hazards on the farm. Course material will be interwoven with farm safety presentations from Nova Scotia producers.

**What:** FarmSafe Forum, On-Farm Inspection Training Course  
**When:** Wednesday, March 13th, 2013  
**Time:** 9:30am to 3:30pm (lunch provided)  
**Where:** Perennia Conference Room  
Perennia Innovation Park, Administration Building  
90 Research Drive, Bible Hill, NS  
**Register:** contact Carolyn Van Den Heuvel, Canada FarmSafe Advisor for CASA (902) 893-2293 or email: [cvandenheuvel@casa-acsa.ca](mailto:cvandenheuvel@casa-acsa.ca)

Check out more on Farm Safety Week at [www.agsafetyweek.ca](http://www.agsafetyweek.ca)

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Get with the **Plan!**

## Canadian Agricultural Safety Association Update

The Canadian Agricultural Safety Association's (CASA) Canada FarmSafe Plan pilot project will be wrapping up March 31st, 2013. We are pleased with the participation in this project and want to thank all participating farms. The goal of this pilot project was to receive feedback on the program to help improve the product for future use by farmers. Participating farms and those who inquired about the program have given excellent feedback for us to go back to the drawing board and develop a resource that is even more farm-user-friendly.

The Canada FarmSafe Plan is a business risk management tool developed by CASA. It is designed to assist farmers in the development of a safety

program for their operation. If you would like further information on the plan visit [www.casa-acsa.ca](http://www.casa-acsa.ca).

If you have any questions or comments contact the FarmSafe Advisor, Carolyn Van Den Heuvel, prior to March 31st, at (902)893-2293 or [cvandenheuvel@casa-acsa.ca](mailto:cvandenheuvel@casa-acsa.ca).

Feel free to contact CASA directly after March 31st for any questions or comments, [info@casa-acsa.ca](mailto:info@casa-acsa.ca). We also encourage you to visit your provincial Farm Safety website [www.farmsafetyns.ca](http://www.farmsafetyns.ca) and to get in touch with Farm Safety Nova Scotia for further assistance after March 31st, 2013.



# Farm Family Sees Safety in Numbers

*Article submission, Amy Petherick on behalf of CASA*

Life on the farm, working with your family, is a precious thing but can change in an instant, when you least expect it. That's what the Taylor family learned, the hard way, on Mill Acre Farm in Nova Scotia.

On October 4th, 2011, Cameron Taylor was going about his business on the farm as usual. With over 250 acres of crops, 150 purebred Dorper ewes, all their free range chickens, turkeys, and pigs, as well as a provincially inspected poultry processing plant and sawmill on the farm, there was always a long list of work to be done. That particular day, Cameron remembers there was a high wind warning and he was concerned about the feeder lamb barn, a plastic covered dome, so he got a ladder and some tape. Intently focused on fixing tears, Cameron climbed higher than he normally would without help until his body wasn't counter weighing the ladder down anymore. He lost his balance as he tried to correct the shift in weight, and fell 20 feet to the ground. "My face, it was just covered in mud. I hit the ground on my face I think," says Cameron. "Usually if you fall you put your arm out, but there was no mud on my hand so I don't know how I actually broke my arm."

Cameron's wife, Monica, saw him bounce off the ladder three times on the way down, she says, which may have helped break the fall. Monica works in the nursing field and was quick to get him to the hospital, but it took doctors four days to fully assess Cameron's concussion, whiplash, severely sprained spine, and shattered wrist. She says it was a difficult time, not only having patience with the diagnostic process, but also explaining the fall they'd witnessed to her six and four-year-old daughters. Then, the ewes decided to start lambing. Still, they tried to lighten the mood. "As a joke, when he was leaving the hospital, I brought a shirt that had a stick man in three different positions that he shouldn't have been in and it says 'I do my own stunts,'" says Monica. "The nurses thought it was priceless."

Back at home though, filling in Cameron's shoes was no laughing matter. Monica enlisted her brother in helping cover the work in the poultry processing plant. Cameron's mother and business partner, Beth, along with her husband Bruce, were tending to a world of new tasks her son had always looked after. It was stressful, confides Monica, and she says everyone was running pretty thin for a while.

Things didn't get better right away when Cameron came home again either, Cameron's mother says. "Concussions just do really weird things to your brain," she explains. "For the longest time he couldn't think without it hurting and he would have nightmares in the daytime when he was awake. I was so happy when he could spend maybe a half an hour on the computer researching things again."



*Shown in the photo is Cameron Taylor, Mill Acre Farm. Cameron suffered multiple injuries after losing his balance on a ladder as he tried to fix tears in the barn roof. Cameron is one of the guest speakers at the FarmSafe Forum event happening in Bible Hill on March 13th.*

According to Canadian Agricultural Injury Reporting statistics, 63 individuals have been killed as a result of a fall from a height while farming over the last 19 years. That's not including hospitalizations or other less severe injuries. Carolyn Van Den Heuvel is a Canada FarmSafe Advisor for the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association. "Whether you are climbing a ladder or lifting a dangerous and heavy object, take the time to assess the hazard before you commit your body to it. If it's not safe, don't do it. Put the proper safety measures in place first," she says. "The damage from a fall can be severe so it's not worth the risk." Though Cameron Taylor will always suffer some symptoms from the fall, the family feels lucky that the experience mostly just left them with lessons learned. For one, having insurance helps, but can fall short of expectations. More importantly though, cherish the opportunity to work together as a family. It could save your good health according to Cameron Taylor.

"Take more time to think about what you're doing," says Cameron, "not just what your goal is, but actually how you're going about doing it, because waiting for a few minutes or another hand could save a lot of grief."

# Farm Registration Renewals

Renewals were scheduled to be sent from Service Nova Scotia by the first of March. They were a bit delayed due to some technical challenges. Farm Registration is due on April 1st and can be submitted via mail or through the Service Nova Scotia online.

When filling in your 2013 Farm Registration Form, don't forget to show your support - **there is no additional charge to become a member.**

The Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture understands key issues facing Nova Scotia's farmers. We are your voice - continuously lobbying to ensure a competitive and sustainable future for agriculture and a high quality of rural life in Nova Scotia.

We are Farmers working for Farmers, your NSFA Executive and many of the NSFA staff are farmers or have lived/worked on a farm in Nova Scotia.

NSFA offers our membership:

- Strong Advocacy Voice to impact Policy Development
- A Regulatory Watchdog
- Linkage to National issues
- Access to Information
- Access to Workplace Education
- Exclusive Member Discounts
- Friendly Professional Expertise

Our current activity includes work on policies for farmers:

- Buy Local Food Policy
- Tax Policy (Succession & Investment Tax Credits)
- Land Use Recommendations
- Wildlife Compensation/Control
- Provincial Benefits tied to Farm Registration System
- Agricultural programs with greater flexibility

NSFA exists for you, the members. We are always striving to make enhancements and improvements to our program that will have a positive impact on your day to day operations. We have implemented a Membership Benefits Package. This benefits package includes discounts and exclusive programs for you and your family to enjoy. More about the benefits and

how to use them can be found on our website, <http://nsfa-fane.ca/member-services> or call the NSFA office.

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## **NEW PROCESS for ONLINE Farm Registration**

In years past, farmers have completed farm registration online through Nova Scotia Business Registry (non-subscriber services). There is a new site, 'Access to Business'. It will follow the same process in that clients will enter their pin number that is provided on their renewal form; however, you will now have to create a log in account. This is described on the renewal form as follows:

**Important: You can renew your licence and pay fee online:**

1. Visit Access to Business at [accessns.ca/business/login](http://accessns.ca/business/login)
2. Click on the **Sign up for Access to Business** button to register or sign in if you have previously registered.
3. Click on the **Licence and Permit Renewal PIN** link.
4. Enter the Renewal PIN Number: **xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx**
5. Complete the online renewal form
6. You will be requested to pay using your Visa, MasterCard, or American Express.

A new applicant applying online is a bit different, a user guide has been created that will be on the front of the Access to Business webpage. This user guide should be up by the beginning of March.



# Council of Leaders - February Highlights

*As prepared by Donna Langille*

## **President's Comments**

Dennis Boudreau, in his first address to Council as President, commented on the major issues which have been placed on the NSFA's plate in the last few months – wildlife damage on farms, loss of local meat slaughter and processing capability, and development of the "Statement of Provincial Interest Regarding Agricultural Land". The Federation is committed to doing whatever it can to ensure that a viable livestock industry is maintained in the province. Dennis also stated that he believes we must do more in regard to promotion of "Buy Local" so that we can at least maintain an industry to meet the needs of Nova Scotians.

The President also noted that a meeting of the Joint Executives Committee of the NSFA and NSDA is scheduled for March 21st and this will be an opportunity for the Federation to provide input to the Department of Agriculture on the above topics as well as present the resolutions passed at the last annual meeting and discuss the Federation's Policy Paper.

Dennis concluded by inviting farmers to keep in touch with him so that he is aware of their issues and needs.

## **In Memoriam**

The news this week carried the message of the passing of Eugene Whelan, former Minister of Agriculture. Mr. Whelan was well respected by farmers across the country for the effort he made to bring the needs of the agricultural industry to the floor of Parliament. He is fondly remembered across parties and was well known for his green Stetson hats.

## **Anniversary News**

A council member noted that this meeting signifies the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Council of Leaders as the governing body of the Federation.

## **Farm Registration for 2013**

The forms will soon be sent out to farmers for the renewal of their Farm Registrations. The forms are sent out by Service Nova Scotia. The dues level for 2013 remains unchanged for this year. The new dues structure is expected to be put in place for 2014.

Statement of Provincial Interest in Protecting and Preserving Agricultural Land  
Dave Smith, Director of Planning & Services was welcomed to the meeting to provide an overview of the contents of this report. Farmers had the opportunity to ask questions and give their opinions on the report's contents. The deadline for submissions has been extended to March 31, 2013 and can be sent to [dsmith@gov.ns.ca](mailto:dsmith@gov.ns.ca).

Some of the discussion points raised at the meeting included:

- The Kings County Planning Strategy has resulted in

severely restricting farmers in regard to what they can do on their land. It resulted in the freezing of farmland values for which no compensation was paid to farmers. This is wrong as farmers are footing the total bill for the protection of farmland. The Plan in essence protected farmland but has destroyed some large fields by allowing house construction in the middle of the fields instead of off to the side.

- The province is now suggesting that 4 building lots would be allowed and the reasons for this were questioned. Many are in objection to this.

- Why does government not pay for the protection of farmland similar to the dollars they are pouring into the Irving and Joudrey families for woodland?

- No distances were provided to protect farmers from other residents building in near proximity to their farm.

- This is not really a statement of provincial interest as it applies only to areas where planning acts are in place. There was a general feeling that we need to override the Municipal restrictions with a province-wide policy. The Federation favours a system whereby all farmers are treated the same. If policies are restricted to areas with planning acts it becomes more beneficial for a county not to have a plan, which is wrong.

## **Proposed Changes to the NSFA Bylaws**

A document outlining proposed changes to the Federation's bylaws was provided to all Council members for discussion. Proposed changes appeared to meet with approval except for the changes related to designated farm representation (definition of member). Staff was requested to provide some options for discussion to the April Council of Leaders meeting in regard to the farm representation and proxy voting issues.

## **Federation Bylaws**

The Cumberland County Federation approved proposed new bylaws at their last annual meeting and presented these to the Council for approval. A motion was passed to approve the Cumberland bylaws as presented.

It was also noted that Annapolis County are working on changes to their bylaws and these will be presented to a future Council meeting for approval. Their ownership of an Exhibition has complicated their process.

The NSFA had obtained a quote from a legal firm for preparing a template for county federation bylaws but concern was expressed that once members start debating changes that the actual legal fees could grow significantly. Instead the council directed the staff and executive to prepare a draft model which could be debated and approved by Council. The result would be a guidepost document that a county federation could use in preparing their own bylaws.

Committee listing and Meeting dated for 2013  
Council members completed the listing of the members of committees for 2013 and also ap-



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proved a schedule of meeting dates for the remainder of this year for executive and council meetings as well as the annual meeting. The 2013 annual meeting of the Federation is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, November 28th and 29th.

## Committee Reports

Reports from various committees were presented:

- 1) Canadian Federation of Agriculture – Dennis Boudreau is NSFA's director to CFA. CFA had good attendance at its breakfast with the MPs and followed up later with visits to the offices of some selected MPs. CFA is currently dealing with: 1) changes to its bylaws, 2) review of the CFA's trade policy, and 3) methods to make their organization sustainable over the long term. CFA has been discouraged by its lack of engagement by Government on Growing Forward 2 (GF2) and is looking into ways to make a Government Relations Strategy work. Canada has been allowed to join the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP). Canada is looking to open more market access for beef, pork, grains, etc.
- 2) Communications Report – Wanda Hamilton provided a report on NSFA promotional events. She is also attempting to build on the E-News subscriptions and provide more editorial information and items relevant to farms. More readers are needed for National Ag Literacy Week so volunteers would be appreciated. The Canadian Agricultural Safety Week is coming up in mid March and a launch event is planned in Bible Hill.
- 3) Atlantic Federations of Agriculture – Henry Vissers reported that PEI is now chairing the meetings of AFA. They recently had AAFC representatives in to their meeting to discuss AAFC programs and research. AFA is also working on the development of a group health and dental program for farmers which they eventually hope to offer on an Atlantic-wide basis. This group will meet again at the time of the CFA annual meeting in Ottawa in late February.
- 4) Commodity Managers Meeting – Henry Vissers reported that this group is now scheduling its meetings the afternoon prior to the one day Council of Leaders meetings. This facilitates the managers being able to sit in on part or all of the Council meetings which should encourage better communications. At their February meeting they had Ernest Walker and Gerald Post from NSDA outline the reorganization of NSDA and explain what they know about GF2 programming.
- 5) Workplace Education for Agriculture – Donna Langille reported that currently the Federation has four sessions underway: 1) New Technology in Bible Hill, 2) Financial Management in Kentville, 3) New Technology in Truro, and 4) New Technology in River John, Pictou County. Any farmer or federation interested in these courses should contact Shelly at 893-2293 or email [info@nsfa-fane.ca](mailto:info@nsfa-fane.ca).

## NS Department of Agriculture Programs

The main theme for this meeting was to ensure that NSDA is aware of what Nova Scotia farmers are expecting that programs should deliver in 2013. First the Council members held discussions in regard to their expectations and identified the following concerns to deliver to NSDA when

the Deputy Minister and her associates joined the meeting:

- 1) Adequate funding so that the programs can remain open for longer than 17 days.
- 2) Additional flexibility in program design is requested.
- 3) Access to programs for all commodities.
- 4) Speed of approval needs to be improved, particularly for the research projects.
- 5) A Provincial Investment Tax Credit is needed in addition to other government programs.
- 6) Overall, Government needs more respect for the benefits of the agriculture industry to this province. They give millions to other businesses, who may or may not remain in the province, while providing only a pittance to agriculture whose members are committed to the province.

Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Rosalind Penfound along with NSDA staffers, Linda MacDonald and Alan Grant, joined the meeting for a discussion on programs. The six points identified above were discussed as well as some additional points. The Deputy stated that the SPCA has requested NSDA to again allow them to address farm animals for cruelty offences but the Deputy stated that this will not happen.



In regard to GF2 the Deputy reported that the overarching agreement has been signed. They are now working on the provincial agreement (the bilateral) which will have three priorities: 1) Innovation, 2) Competitiveness, and 3) Market Development. There will continue to be a BRM program and there is a 50 % increase in funding for the non-BRM programs. No changes in GF2 programs are projected for 2013, any changes will begin to roll out in 2014. When questioned how the 50 % additional dollars would be spent the Deputy responded that NSDA must stay within its budget therefore she is not sure if there will be much extra money.

Shown above with Deputy Minister Penfound are Dennis Boudreau, NSFA President and Past President, Beth Densmore.

There is a finite amount of money in the Home Grown Success program so there will be rigor in many of these programs as well. There is also a \$200,000. reduction in the funding for Perennia in the coming year.

Additional questions raised by farmers included:

- The need for an interchange to feed into Perennia Park from the main highway.
- Need for maintenance of programs for new varieties such as Honeycrisp in apples, which are giving us a competitive edge.
- The future of the genetic enhancement program?

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- Select Nova Scotia funding? Deputy responded that this will continue to be funded and maybe enhanced.
- The disappearing infrastructure in the agricultural sector and lack of government investment? Farmers were adamant that they are not receiving the support and dollar investment that they deserve and rural communities are suffering. The NSDA responded that there is no immediate solution. We need to continue to work on programs like Select NS and try to get consumers to pay more for local food. The Deputy suggested that agriculture needs to demonstrate the return on investment in the agricultural industry if we are to change the situation as well as do more identification of locally produced farm products in the marketplace.

### County Federation and Commodity Group Reports

1) Christmas Tree Growers Association – It is critical to their organization that rural roads be maintained so that farmers can access their crops and get them to market without seriously damaging their equipment on the roads.  
2) Annapolis County Federation – Lloyd Evans reported that the Annapolis Federation has run a cattle sale for years but its continued existence is now in doubt. They were hit hard by a loss attributed to a NSF cheque and have lost \$19,000. It is very costly to pursue this through the court system so they have reverted to Small Claims Court. If they get their cattle sale up and running again they will have to look at a way to keep a repeat of this event from happening. Annapolis County Federation recently received the award for the top exhibition in N.S.  
3) Kings County Federation – Hank Bosveld reported that his county federation is promoting a Kings 2050 Agricultural Forum which is to take place on Thursday, February 28th at the Louis Millet Community Complex, New Minas for farmers and others to have direct input on Municipal planning policy and agricultural zoning regulations. Another project is a day-long tour for newly elected councillors.

### Economic Development Plan

The Nova Scotia Government is seeking input on their proposed Economic Development Plan. Notice has gone out in E-News. It is important for farmers to attend any sessions held and make their comments known.

## Sweet Potatoes Lead to Sweet Award



Charlie Keddy, Charles Keddy Farm Limited of Kings County received the RBC 'Innovator of the Year' award at this year's Horticulture Congress on January 28th. Known for their strawberry plants (Keddy Nursery stock), the Keddy family have expanded to include raspberry canes, asparagus crowns, high bush blueberries and rhubarb roots. Their most recent work of successfully growing and storing sweet potatoes led to the acknowledgment of this award. Congratulations to Charlie and his family for their continued innovation and leadership in the Industry.

## Do you have tax pain?

Well the time is approaching to get those taxes in order...

A couple of quick notes on filing the 2012 Income Tax:

**Tax packages are no longer being mailed unless requested.** You can pick up a T1 General Income Tax Package at your local post office or download the forms online: [www.cra-arc.gc.ca](http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca), go to 'Forms and Publications' menu on the left hand column. The Statement of Farming Activities T2042 can also be downloaded here.

**Not ready for online filing?** Paper returns will still be accepted.



The TELEFILE service for filing income tax returns has been discontinued.

**You no longer need a NETFILE access code.** However, as in previous years, you need your SIN and date of birth in order to file online.

Interested in knowing more about how to file online (NETFILE)? Go to [www.cra-arc.gc.ca](http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca)

Having trouble navigating through CRA website? We have posted convenient links on the NSFA website [www.nsfa-fane.ca](http://www.nsfa-fane.ca) under 'Member Services' tab.

## News & Views

**NSFA News & Views** is the Newsletter of the NS Federation of Agriculture, the United, Strong & Caring Farm Organization representing the best interest of Nova Scotia's Agricultural Industry.

**News & Views** is provided free of charge to its members. We value comments and concerns from our members, please direct them to Executive members or the Office Staff.

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