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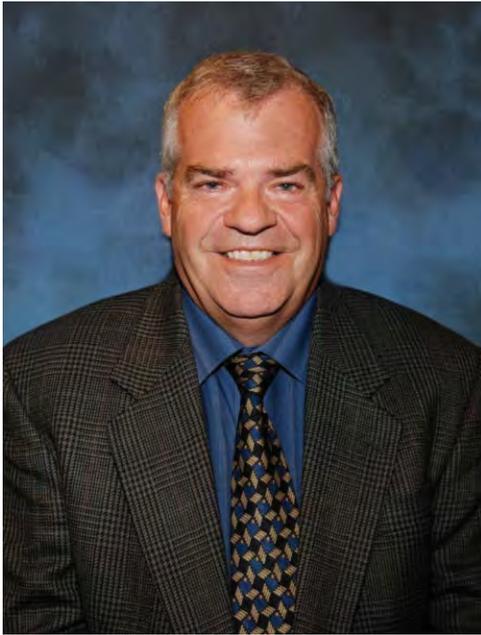
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**On The Cover:** Brian Yager harvesting kelp for *The Natural Gardener*. Photo by Charlie Dunne.



**A**t our recent Annual General Meeting (AGM) and workshop, interesting and informative speakers generated lots of timely and topical discussions about our industry. Our theme, *Linking Innovation, Education, and Industry*, helped to make the connection between the valuable work taking place in the province's fields, labs, and classrooms.

At the AGM, attendees also heard about how the Federation worked during the past year with commodity groups and individual producers on research projects in composting and artificial insemination in sheep and goats. In addition, we continued work on our own initiatives such as the development and optimization of liquid fish fertilizer.

Great progress has been made in recent years, placing us in a strong position to continue momentum in our industry. To ensure the progress continues, the Federation will be embarking on strategic planning. This March, our board of directors will be returning to the Terra Nova Resort, where we held our recent AGM. This important exercise will help set a course to determine where the Federation is going in the future and how it's going to get there.

We were active again in the festival and events season, which was a great success. The Federation attended shows in Torbay, Mount Pearl, Harbour Grace, and Deer Lake during the past year. We hope to expand our reach in the future to do shows in Labrador and central Newfoundland.

NLFA once again organized and executed the Agrifoods and Garden Show, which returned to the metro region this year. It took place at the Jack Byrne Arena in Torbay October 18-20. It raised a lot of agriculture awareness and featured an on-site farmers market, petting farm, grade five spelling bee, Moon-ica the milking cow, and more. The show is the biggest in the province, with attendance in excess of 7,000 people, and is the province's premier agriculture showcase. We also helped the community at the event by working with Farm Credit Canada on its food drive and raising money for the Single Parent Association of NL (SPAN). You can read more about it in the Feature section.

Our Agriculture in the Classroom (AIRC) program has been on a roll and is also making our industry stand out at schools across the province. The Little Green Thumbs program, which allows grade two and three students to grow vegetables in their classrooms, is a great success and has expanded to more than double its original size this year. We are planning to do the successful Rooting for Health and Agriculture Literacy Week events again this spring. All these AIRC events wouldn't be possible without help from volunteers in the industry. I would like to take this opportunity to thank these volunteers for their hard work and dedication.

With the snow soon to be gone and the fields ready for another year of production, we can't help but be optimistic about our industry. Last year, we had a great growing season which saw a successful wheat trial on the west coast, and other new products never grown here before like melons. Each success we see in these areas helps make greater food security a more attainable goal.

The Federation looks forward to the opportunities our industry will see throughout the year, such as the further implementation of the industry strategy, starting work on our own strategy, and opportunities through Growing Forward 2. I would like to wish our members a great growing season. 🌱

**Eugene Legge**  
President

# The Natural Gardener



**By Matthew Carlson**

**B**rian Yager has had an interest in agriculture since childhood, when he spent many summers at his grandparents' 100 acre farm outside Montreal. These days he operates a soil conditioner and farming business in Ferryland called The Natural Gardener.

Brian's work at The Natural Gardener is getting back to the basics of farming. He is passionate about the environment and strives to reduce the amount of commercial fertilizers used to grow plants, flowers, vegetables, and turf grass. His main product is a kelp-based soil conditioner, a modern take on the time-tested use of kelp to grow crops. As Brian explains, "Most gardeners I meet are able to tell me stories of how their parents and grandparents used kelp and also fish offal to grow vegetables. They recall seeing their grandparents haul kelp off local beaches and have helped spread the fresh kelp on the garden in the fall."

Brian has now been using kelp for three years and is very satisfied with the results. He sees the added nutrients of kelp as a natural fit with our short growing season where winds and sea spray affect plant growth.

Brian's background is not one of farming or science as his business may suggest, but marketing. After receiving his Bach-

elor of Commerce from Concordia in 1981, he worked for 12 years in the industrial steam generation business, followed by 13 years in private post-secondary education. Throughout his professional career he always maintained a backyard garden to grow various flowers and vegetables.

Twelve years ago Brian and his wife Jane decided to take a three week camping trip to Newfoundland. They immediately fell in love with the people and beauty of the province, and upon returning to Ontario that summer, they made it their quest to eventually retire to Newfoundland. As Brian tells it, "Good fortune shone upon us and that November we purchased a property in Ferryland."

The Natural Gardener now produces two distinct products: Plant Booster, and Plant Booster 2.0. Both are presently available in two litre plastic bottles. Each bottle is concentrated and can make up to 20 litres of soil conditioner or foliar spray (liquid plant food applied directly to leaves).

Plant Booster is pure kelp concentrate intended for use



as a foliar spray. Most plants are capable of taking in nutrients from their leaves as well as their roots, making it easy to apply. Foliar sprays can also be used in conjunction with a regular plant feeding regime. Kelp liquids contain many of the trace nutrients that plants require for growth and these are more easily absorbed through the leaves.

The Natural Gardener's other product is Plant Booster 2.0. The "2.0" refers to the addition of all-purpose soluble 20-20-20 fertilizer to the two litre bottle to give plants a more balanced and higher degree of fertilization. The product is diluted and added directly into the soil of the plant.

Both products have been shown through lab testing to contain a number of micronutrients that are beneficial to plants. While Plant Booster lacks some macronutrients such as Nitrogen and Potassium which Brian adds as part of a regular feeding regime, Plant Booster 2.0 is considered a more concentrated nutrients solution. The lab reports also con-



Brian harvesting kelp on the beach.

using kelp in his garden are less dependence on limestone, as kelp has a more neutral pH characteristic to balance the acidity of the soil; and being able to use less than half of the recommended fertilizer application rates with tremendous results for both growth of plants and long post-harvest storage times.

Turning toward future plans for The Natural Gardener, Brian describes this coming spring and summer as a time that "will be both busy and interesting." There are plans to distribute the products to more garden centres, and discussions about field-testing in partnership with a local gardener to compare plant growth rates in a control garden. Brian describes the use of kelp to help grow healthy nutritious food as "a pleasure and an adventure."

The Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Agriculture is pleased to profile The Natural Gardener. We wish Brian Yager continuing success at his innovative farm products business.

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A load of kelp ready to go.

firmed that there are no concerns about trace metal toxicity in either product.

The process developed for making kelp concentrate at The Natural Gardener uses a less energy intensive process resulting in a less concentrated product and therefore a lower price compared to more conventional production methods. The breakdown of the kelp in solution with water is allowed to happen over a three to six month time period, dependent on time of the year.

Brian's kelp routine at his garden includes spreading of 4 to 6 inches of fresh kelp on his fields in the fall and then tilling the soil in the spring prior to planting. The kelp dries and breaks down to some extent over winter and can be easily tilled into the soil. The two major benefits to



Fresh veggies from Brian's garden.

# Agrifoods and Garden Show Gives Back to the Community

By Matthew Carlson

After last year's partnership with Farm Credit Canada (FCC) on its annual 'Drive Away Hunger' food drive at the Agrifoods and Garden show, this year the Federation wanted to have a bigger event to give back to the community.

Over the weekend of October 18-20, FCC collected non-perishable food items and took cash donations from show-goers. The donations went in aid of the Community Foodsharing Association.

Additionally, this year we worked with the Single Parent Association of Newfoundland (SPAN) on raising money to help with its Christmas initiative. The bulk of the money raised came from paid admissions to the show, where \$1 from each \$5 ticket went to the Association.

A lot of interest was expressed in the decorated pumpkins which were placed throughout the stadium. As the show drew to a close on Sunday, the pumpkin auction in aid of the SPAN was launched. When everything was added from the door donations and pumpkin auction, the final tally came in at \$5,483.50. A cheque was presented to SPAN for its Christmas initiative in December.

The Agrifoods and Garden show is the largest show of its kind in the province and continues to experience high levels of growth and interest. The show's key objective is to promote our agricultural industries and increase awareness of the importance of the industry to our province, especially in rural communities.

Farm Credit Canada began its Drive Away Hunger initiative in 2004. It started in Ontario when a single FCC employee led the charge by organizing a local tractor tour. He collected food donations from his local community as a way to give back and help food banks serve people in need. During the past ten years, Drive Away Hunger has continued to grow and now boasts over 17 million pounds of food collected to date.

NLFA is proud to have played a role in this great event for the community and looks forward to doing a bigger, better event in support of the community next year. 



**Photo 1:** Elaine Balsom of SPAN and NLFA President Eugene Legge at the cheque presentation in Dec.

**Photo 2:** FCC's signage and collection bin for 'Drive Away Hunger' at the show.



**TOP:** A pumpkin is auctioned in aid of the Single Parent Association.

**BOTTOM:** Some of the decorated pumpkins.



# 2014 AGM and Workshop held in Port Blandford

The Federation's Annual General Meeting and workshop was held on January 29 and 30, 2014 at the Terra Nova Golf Resort with the theme of "Linking Innovation, Education and Industry." This theme helps to make the connection between the important work taking place in the province's fields, labs, and classrooms.

We were delighted to have approximately 80 people attend NLFA's AGM this year. It provided an excellent opportunity to network with farmers, government personnel, guest presenters, and your Federation representatives.

The first day workshop focused on innovation. It featured presenters from universities and other learning institutions, government, non-governmental organizations, and perhaps most importantly, farmers. They all gave presentations on some of the interesting research and other innovative work happening in the province.

Our banquet took place on the evening of January 29, where awards were presented for the Agricultural Hall of Fame and for environmental work. The Hall of Fame Award went to Ross Traverse, an innovative horticultural producer and author. Ross

was out of the country and unable to attend. Landscape NL representative Chris Swyers accepted on his behalf. For the NLFA Environmental Award, New World Dairy, a west coast dairy operation was honoured for its work in waste reduction. Brent Chaffey accepted. NLFA's scholarship through Dalhousie University went to Krista Head.

The AGM day followed on the 30th. The president gave his report, financials were presented, and elections for two executive positions were held. Copies of the annual report are available. The Vice President, Elaine Wells, who decided not to seek another term. Michelle Lester was nominated and acclaimed for the position. One of the Director at Large positions was also available, and was previously held by Michelle Lester. Phillip Smallwood was nominated and acclaimed for the position.

The meeting concluded with open discussions amongst all those in attendance on various topics important to the Federation. Topics included meeting attendance, mandatory farmer registration, and membership retention and expansion. ♦



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# Alternative Feed Development



*The following is an example of a project recently approved by NL Agri-Adapt Council Inc. (AACI) with funding under Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Canadian Agricultural Adaptation Program (CAAP):*

**M**uch of the feed used on farms in Newfoundland and Labrador is imported into the province. In recent years, the cost of importing has been on the rise, leaving producers eager to find more local sources of feed.

This project aims to develop a processing facility and methodologies to create dry feed for livestock, poultry and fur using ingredients from biomass that would otherwise be treated as waste. These waste streams are being used to feed animals at livestock and fur farms in other jurisdictions, like Norway, Denmark, Finland and Iceland. The project also aims to develop alternative feed ingredients from products not currently deemed feasible to those industries.

If successful, this project could lead to reduced waste and more locally-sourced feed for the agriculture industry. The dryer used for this project can process over 20,000 metric tonnes of material annually. If shrimp, salmon mortalities, feather meal and seal meat from waste streams are diverted to this facility, potentially 15,000 tonnes of greenhouse gases are removed from our atmosphere.

The project proponent, Shell-Ex Inc., has already acquired a facility to carry out this research and is in a unique position to carry out this work.

There are four main components to this project: Background research, plant trials, procurement of raw material and communication of the project results to stakeholders.

Funding to carry out this research is provided through Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Canadian Agricultural Adaptation Program (CAAP). This project has been approved for a contribution up to \$95,000 by the Agri-Adapt Council Inc. (AACI). ♦

**The Canadian Agricultural Adaptation Program (CAAP) was developed as the successor to the Advancing Canadian Agriculture and Agri-Food (ACAAF) Program, whose mandate expired March 31, 2009.**

**The CAAP program continues the innovative industry-led approach employed under the ACAA program with projects delivered at both the national and the regional level.**

**In Newfoundland and Labrador CAAP is delivered by the Agri-Adapt Council Inc. (AACI).**

## Web-based AgPal Provides Agriculture Industry with Program Information

**F**armers, agribusinesses and others involved in the agriculture industry can link directly to programs and services offered by the Department of Natural Resources Agri-foods Development Branch, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and Farm Credit Canada through the web-based AgPal.

"AgPal gives our clients who rely on the Internet quicker and easier access to information on agricultural programs and services," said the Honourable Derrick Dalley, Minister of Natural Resources and Minister Responsible for the Forestry and Agri-foods Agency. "I encourage our farmers, producers and others involved in the industry to visit the AgPal website to see how this initiative can be of benefit."

The 95 programs that are applicable to Newfoundland and Labrador and located in the AgPal database can be accessed through [www.nr.gov.nl.ca/nr/agrifoods/](http://www.nr.gov.nl.ca/nr/agrifoods/) or [www.agpal.ca](http://www.agpal.ca).

Users select their province or territory to access information on managing their business, farming and food production, innovation and agricultural research, personal and community support.

"We are committed to helping Canadian farmers and agribusinesses across the country find the agriculture programs and services that meet their needs," said the Honourable Gerry Ritz, Federal Minister of Agriculture. "AgPal delivers on this goal and we are pleased to have Newfoundland and Labrador join with us in providing the sector with tools that will help it to grow and continue to drive Canada's economy into the future."

AgPal is a collaborative effort between Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and the Department of Natural Resources. Information on 177 provincial and federal programs across Canada can be accessed through the website. ♦

## Noah Burnett of Cormack Places Second at National Speaking Competition



**Y**oung Farmer Noah Burnett placed second in a field of 12 in the Junior category at the Canadian Young Speakers for Agriculture (CYSA) competition this past November in Toronto.

The competition gives contestants the opportunity to prepare a five- to seven-minute speech on one of five agriculture-related topics. The event has prizes available for two age groups: Junior (ages 11 to 15); and Senior (ages 16 to 24). This year's competition took place on Saturday, November 2 at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto.

Noah chose to speak on technology and farming. Specifically, his speech was on the topic of 'Three New Technologies that have Changed Farming in Newfoundland'. He began by discussing his grandfather's reflections on technologies that had a big impact when he farmed. Then he discussed the three technologies that he sees as having the most impact today: Cell phones, GPS systems on tractors, and cropping advancements.

Cell phones, Noah argues, have had the biggest overall impact, by being able to do things like troubleshoot equipment problems right on the field, getting real time advice on what to do, no matter where a farmer may be. Smartphone apps also are another area where cell phones are changing farming, providing information right where it is needed in a compact package. The rate of adoption by farmers illustrates just how important they have become, with 94% of farmers now owning one.

The next big impact on modern farming in the province comes in the form of GPS (Global Positioning Systems) on tractors. With the high cost of inputs in the region, Noah highlights the better, more efficient application of inputs that can come from this technology as having a major impact as well.

The third new technology highlighted was cropping advance-

ments, specifically, the ability to grow corn in the Newfoundland climate. This technology was developed at the Cool Climate Research facility in St. John's and means that farmers can grow feed, which is very expensive to import, on-farm through a bio-degradable plastic.

Video from Noah's presentation is available through the CYSA website / YouTube. It can be seen by following the links at [www.cysa-joca.ca](http://www.cysa-joca.ca).

Madison Dymont of Burgessville, Ontario took top honours in the Junior category.

Finalists in both the junior and senior division receive cash prizes, with the senior champion receiving \$1,000 and the junior champion receiving \$500.

Canadian Young Speakers for Agriculture is a national, bilingual competition that gives participants an opportunity to share their opinions, ideas and concerns about the Canadian agri-food industry in a five- to seven-minute prepared speech. It has run annually since 1985.

The Canadian Young Speakers for Agriculture is jointly sponsored by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and 4-H Canada.



Noah Burnett speaking at the competition in November.

## Changes to Traffic Act to Impact Farmers

**I**n the fall 2013 sitting of the House of Assembly, Bill 13 was introduced and passed to implement changes to the province's Highway Traffic Act. This included a stipulation that will "prohibit slow moving vehicles from being driven on a highway with a speed limit of greater than 80 kilometres an hour." This will have an impact on many farmers as tractors, which are classified as slow moving vehicles, often need to travel on highways. A special permit is available to allow for travel of vehicles



like tractors on highways.

The permit will be issued through the Motor Registration Division of Service NL and there is no fee for it. These will be issued subject to department approval of appropriate agricultural or other approved usage.

The new law will begin to be enforced on March 10, 2014. Penalties for operating in contravention of this law can result in fines of \$100-\$400, plus two demerit points.

If you have any questions regarding the act or want to apply for a permit, please contact Ms. Dorothy Doyle, Carrier Compliance Coordinator with Motor Registration at (709) 729-4143, toll free 1-877-636-6867, or by email, [ddoyle@gov.nl.ca](mailto:ddoyle@gov.nl.ca).

# News and Views from the Big Land

**By Herb Brown**

**A**t the outset, I would like to commend the organizers of and contributors to the NLFA for a very well conducted Agriculture Conference and AGM. What I experienced as a farmer and a regional representative was a very balanced local, national and global emphasis, as witnessed in the variety and scope of the expert speakers and presenters brought together. The overarching theme: linking agricultural innovation, education and industry, was skilfully woven throughout the conference. Kudos as well to Christa Wright for her tireless crusading and passionate emphasis on the education of our youth, for without them food security will become a distant memory.

As the NLFA representative from Labrador this past year, I listened with particular interest to presenters Ed Reid and Sabrina Ellsworth, noting that increased production and enhanced technologies are being encouraged by various provincial and federal departments in areas such as:

- 1) Improved mechanization for each of the supply-managed commodity groups to increase size and output
- 2) Productions systems such as: more and better greenhouse facilities around the province, small fruit planting, harvesting and processing, livestock such as sheep and hog breeding
- 3) Advanced harvesting technologies
- 4) Information sharing
- 5) Post secondary and graduate studies research training, strategies to get younger entrants to become involved in the industry
- 6) A few innovative Labrador projects were mentioned at the conference, such as the redberry brain health study, and the three-year biochar soil enhancement project, as well as crop rotation and green manure soil fertility trials
- 7) Wild and domestic blueberry, cranberry, and cereal and feed grains seem to be once more gaining attention

For anyone in the province who farms or is served by provincial innovation and agriculture representatives, it is no surprise that Labrador farmers are also interested, concerned and involved in at least some of the aforementioned initiatives and recommendations, and wish also to “come into the fold” in important aspects such as government inspected slaughter facilities, milk and egg production, as well as the range of livestock breeding, and fresh meat production. Labrador farmers will never become full participants in agricultural production and supply until they become equal partners in the minds and hearts of all.

In early February 2014, Lake Melville farmers and a number of provincial representatives met to discuss and strategize around issues of water resource management and soil amendment best practices. Assistant Deputy Minister Keith Deering,



One of Lorne and Janet Patey’s hydroponic greenhouses at Patey Farms, Happy Valley-Goose Bay. In these greenhouses they intend to grow lettuce, tomatoes and strawberries year-round.

Department of Environment and Water Resources manager, Dorteia Hanchar and several others met with Labrador farmers to hear their concerns and to organize a Best Practices Management Committee. A committee of two Government officials, Keith and Dorothea, and two farmers met to form this committee with a view to planning and recommending, by late March, a strategy for water resources, livestock, crop and soil best management practices.

If in fact, as long-ago Agricultural Minister, the late Garfield Warren wrote in his hand-written time capsule note (sealed in 1988 and opened Jan.2014), that four decades later, Labrador would play a significant and integral part in the food security development of the Province. If he was correct in his assertion, then an abundance of greenhouse fruits and vegetables, eggs, meats, berries and perhaps even fresh milk, will have to be actively encouraged and supported by Government and the NLFA. This correspondent would certainly be one of the most enthusiastic supporters of an idea whose time has come.

*Herb Brown is a gallery owner and vegetable farmer in Happy Valley - Goose Bay, Labrador. As the son of immigrant Mennonite farmers, he grew up on dairy and mixed farms in BC’s Fraser Valley. After a few years of teaching in the Peace River Country of BC’s northeast, he married and moved to Northern Newfoundland in 1974, and then on to several locations in Labrador. He is currently the Lake Melville Agriculture Association (LMAA)’s vice chair and NLFA Labrador representative.* ♦

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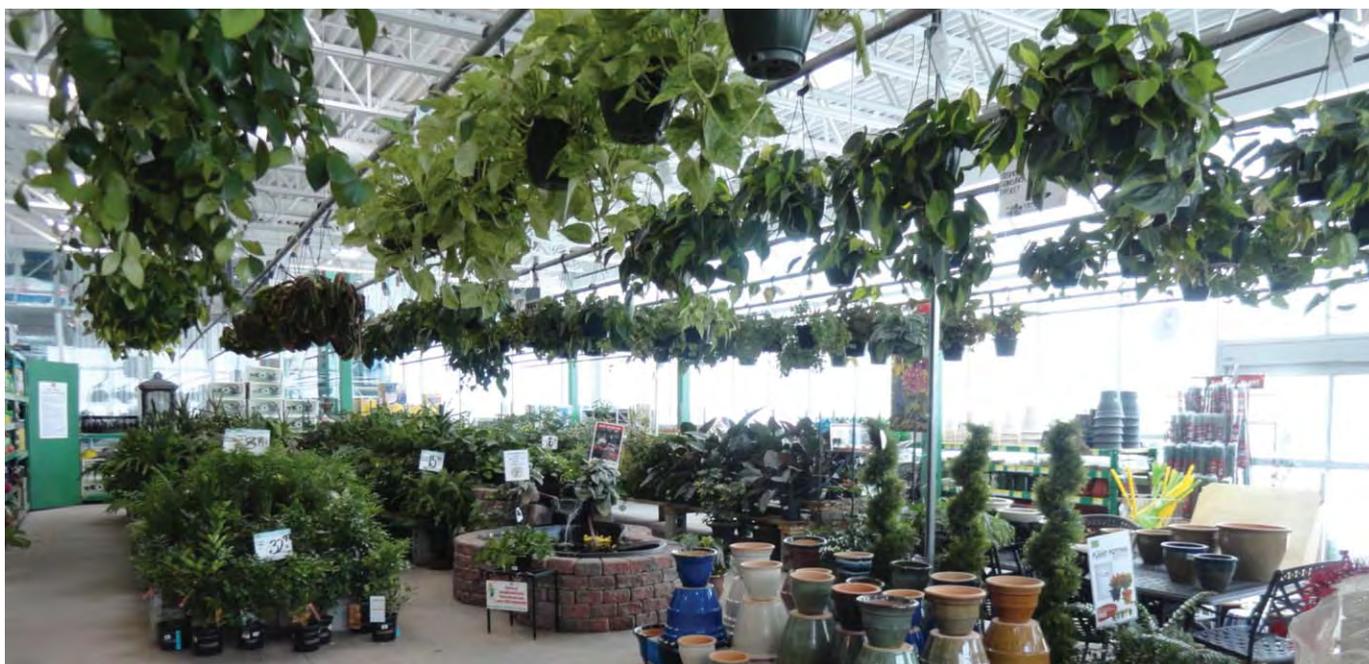
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## AgriVantage Partner Profile: **Kent**



A Kent garden centre.

**K**ent is an Atlantic Canadian home improvement retailer with over 30 years of customer service under its belt. It is part of the J.D. Irving, Limited group of companies, and has 42 locations in communities across New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador and Prince Edward Island. In this province, Kent has seven locations: Clarenville, Corner Brook, Gander, Grand Falls-Windsor, Mount Pearl, and two in St. John's.

Kent entered the Newfoundland market in 1998 with its Stavanger Drive location, followed by its Mount Pearl operation in 2002; it has been growing ever since. Kent caters to the general public, contractors, municipalities, groups like agriculture, government departments, schools, and hospitals. While the construction industry is the biggest customer group in volume, foot traffic is primarily made up of the general public.

Kent's advantages include its ability to source a lot of product. When a product is not available in-store, a friendly Kent associate will special order it upon request. Being part of the Irving group has advantages in this area as well, since Cavendish Agri-Services is also part of the group, Kent can even order in products like fertilizers to any of its stores. This ties into another of Kent's advantages — buying power. Kent is a large company with a sizeable vendor base, a key reason the company was selected as a major supplier to the Hebron project.

Kent stocks more material than most home improvement



Kent Mount Pearl.

retailers and has an Atlantic distribution centre in Moncton to deliver stock to stores in a very efficient manner. It also offers delivery, and has lots of friendly, knowledgeable staff.

Kent also understands the importance of getting a great price. It offers the Kent Price Guarantee, which applies to products available in-store throughout Atlantic Canada. Here's how it works: If you find a lower retail price anywhere in the community on an identical item that Kent stocks, they will beat it by 10%!

In the future, Kent has a new distribution centre coming, which is expected to open this fall. This will allow the company to buy more products and improve its deliveries.

The Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Agriculture is pleased to profile our AgriVantage program partner Kent, where all active members of the NLFA will receive in-store discounts. To avail of these, members can present their membership card at the contractor desk. 🍀

## Root Cellars Win A Place In The Provincial Historic Commemorations Program

The Agricultural History Society of Newfoundland and Labrador is honoured to have their nomination of Root Cellars as a Distinct Cultural Tradition or Practice accepted for designation in the Provincial Historic Commemorations Program.

The root cellars of the province were officially commemorated as a Distinct Cultural Tradition or Practice at Black Duck Brook on the Port au Port Peninsula in October.

The Society is very grateful to the Honourable Terry French, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation for his ongoing support for its work in documenting the history of agriculture in the province, and for the recognition we are receiving today from the Provincial Historic Commemorations Program. They would also like to thank Chicken Farmers of Newfoundland and Labrador for its contribution to travel expenses to this event.

“Root Cellars have been an important part of our history in Newfoundland and Labrador,” said Minister Terry French. “They have become a symbol of self-sufficiency in rural areas of the province and the determination of the early settlers to find ways to survive our harsh winters.”

The Agricultural History Society of Newfoundland and Labrador in partnership with the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador documented one hundred root cellars in the St. John’s area and Conception Bay in the summer of 2011. This material — images, dimensions and stories — is accessible to the public on Memorial University’s Digital Archives Initiative site.

Root cellars have been the means by which every outport family stored their summer crop of root vegetables for protection against the cold frost of winter. These cellars contributed in a vital way to the diet and health of centuries of Newfoundlanders. Many root cellars dot our landscape today as a reminder of the gardening traditions of the past.

The commemoration of root cellars is the second honour for the Agricultural History of Newfoundland and Labrador. In 2008 the society was honoured with a Manning Award by the Historic Sites Association of Newfoundland and Labrador for their recognition and celebration of family farms through their Century Farm Project. 



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## Wanted: Pictures of Traditional Farm Machinery, Equipment and Tools



Horse Drawn Hay Rake, Codroy Valley, 1984



Hay Stook, Codroy Valley, 1984

**T**he Agricultural History Society of Newfoundland and Labrador is asking for your assistance in expanding our digital photo collection of old farm machinery, equipment, tools and technologies once used in the past in this province. We will be creating a slide show presentation for use at public events.

Do you have photographs of old farm tractors, equipment and tools in your family photo album that you can scan and send to us? Can you take a picture of old equipment and tools which you still have on your farm? Do you have any old advertisements or receipts for farm machinery and equipment? If so, please scan and send them to **bgoldsworthy@bellaliant.net**. Don't have a scanner? Then please let us know so that arrangements can be made to have them scanned.

It is important that you tell us what you know about the equipment, machinery or tools in each picture (the manufacturer, who purchased and used it, approximate date purchased, etc), as well as the name and location of the farm where the pictures were taken, and your name and contact information.

With your permission, the information and photographs may be forwarded to the Archives and Special Collections at Memorial University to add to their collection of historic information, reports and photographs of farms in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Members of the Agricultural History Society of Newfoundland and Labrador conduct research and write articles about the history of agriculture in the province. We also promote a greater public awareness of the provinces' rich agricultural heritage through our participation in fairs and other public events.

Thank you for your help with this project. Together we will be able to build up a comprehensive digital record of the traditional farm practises and technologies once used across this province!

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