



Who IS ON THE FARM

Curtis Somerton operates Munn Poultry Farm Limited, an egg operation located near Ocean Pond on the Avalon Peninsula. Despite what the modern state-of-the-art facilities may suggest, this family-owned farm has a long history. Curtis' grandfather, William Munn, started the farm in 1962 in its former location in Portugal Cove, and his mother, Leslie Munn, later took over the operations.



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Today the strong family roots of the operation continue. Curtis' mom occasionally works on the farm, and his 87 year old grandfather still crunches numbers for the farm finances.

Curtis has always had a passion for agriculture. In 1999 after graduating from high school he took the helm and began managing the farm. Curtis' work in the agriculture industry also extends beyond the boundaries of his farm. He sits on the Board of Directors of the Egg Producers of Newfoundland and Labrador, the Federation of Agriculture, and the Agri Adapt Council Inc.

Munn Poultry Farm has a 70,000 bird layer flock and a 36,000 bird pullet flock. Throughout the year there are five people employed at the farm, and twice a year they employ 20 people to change flocks. The farm utilizes many innovative farming tools, including a unit from Hotraco Agri which computerizes much of the operation.

The farm has grown over the years, having expanded from a 52,000 bird flock just within the last few years. Much of the expansion has coincided with the farm moving to its current location in 2005. Today the farm is a large modern facility, which emphasizes bio-security in its day-to-day operations.

An ordinary day on Munn Poultry Farm includes checking the barns, collecting eggs, cleaning the facilities, and tending to the birds. Much of the process is mechanized and one of the challenges in operating the farm is repairing and maintaining the equipment. Other challenges include keeping staff and keeping the birds on spec.

The Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Agriculture is pleased to profile Munn Poultry Farm Limited, and to recognize the hard work and dedication of Curtis Somerton towards the advancement of agriculture in our province.

By Matthew Carlson

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Mervin Wiseman
President

Now that the ink is dry on Budget 2008 for Newfoundland and Labrador, farmers are anxious to move on to the details of implementation. Before doing so we must pause to reflect on perhaps the most significant budget this province has ever witnessed.

Agriculture not withstanding, the feeling that comes from 'slaying' your own debt certainly raises a great sense of pride and empowerment. While we have some ways to go before making the final installment on our provincial debt, there is little doubt that we are now in the driver's seat.

When assessing the budget against the needs in this province's agriculture industry, one has to be pleased with where the current budget has taken us. A government guaranteed lending program for farmers, investment in cranberries, research and development funding, and money for Aleutian disease mitigation in the fur industry were profiled in the budget speech. Items that were not so much profiled, but infinitely just as important, were the additional allocations to the ongoing Agriculture and Agrifoods Development Fund (AADF), the Provincial Agrifoods Assistance Program (AAP) and the provincial cost sharing contribution to the Agriculture Policy Framework (APF)-transitional funding.

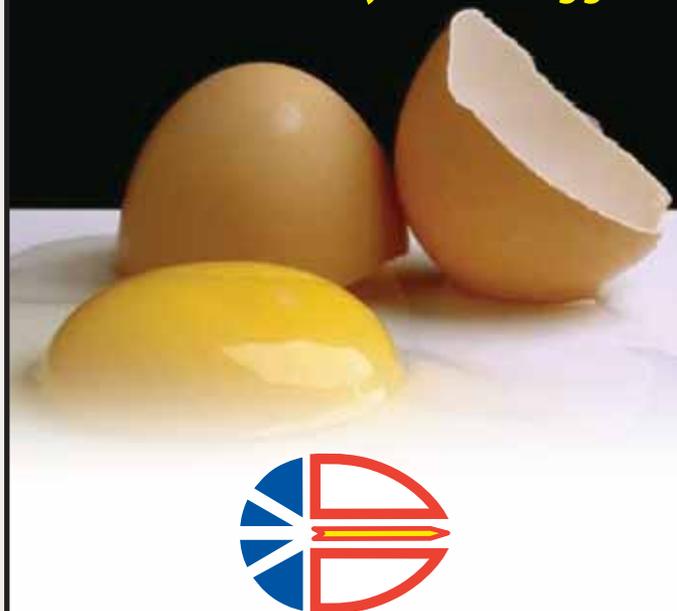
Anyone doing the math on the direct allocation of new money for agriculture, must also factor in the dollars from companion sources that we find in the Department of Business, Innovation Trade and Rural Development and other peripheral departments and programs. Likewise, we must add dollars from the existing suite of programs delivered by Agriculture and Agriculture Canada (AAFC), the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA), and other departments such as the federal co-operative secretariat. The final equation must also consider the main investment component of all, which are the farmers of the province whose perseverance has carried the industry through the leanest of times.

The sum of the above is millions of dollars of investment that is currently available to the Newfoundland and Labrador agriculture industry. In fact, one is tempted to say that money is no longer an issue within the scope of development of the provincial agriculture industry. Clearly, the

backdrop to making all these investment dollars work is rooted within the scope of program functionality, which has to be fortified by appropriate policy and priorities. Now that we have entered an era of financial wherewithal to avail of investment opportunity in the agriculture industry, this would be a good time to evaluate these important operatives. Policies around agriculture land use planning, food security, food sustainability, agriculture health and wellness products, environmental stewardship and the overarching principle of rural economic development associated with agriculture are paramount in these important issues.

The Federation of Agriculture is anxious to find itself working with government, at all levels, to help bring these dynamics together. It is expected that there will be a few more days before the real exercise of collaboration and roll-outs begin. Until that happens, we should all take an extra breath of fresh air and wallow just a little bit more in celebration of a budget that recognizes agriculture as a good place to invest public money.

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2008 National Agriculture Awareness Conference

“Growing Awareness”

By Christa Wright

For the first time Newfoundland and Labrador will host the National Agriculture Awareness Conference. It will be held in St. John’s at the Fairmont Hotel from August 3-6, 2008.

The theme of this year’s conference is “Growing Awareness.” We are expecting over 175 delegates from across Canada. The conference delegates will consist of farmers, agriculture in the classroom administrators, NLFA members, industry professionals and partners, marketing and public relations, and provincial and federal government agencies.

We are thrilled to announce our keynote speaker Wendy Mesley, co-host of CBC marketplace will kick off the conference. Other guest speakers are: Sharon Stollery from Alberta, Agriculture and Food presenting on “Agritourism – A window to Ag Awareness” and Jeanne Cruikshank from

Canadian Council of Grocery Distributors is presenting the topic- “Growing Awareness at Your Grocery Store.” Tradeshow, farm tours and a kitchen party are all part of this exciting event.

This conference is set to focus on the benefits of agriculture awareness, strengthen links with industry representatives, showcase regional achievements, and become a pivotal event for the sharing of ideas and resources to ensure consistency of agriculture awareness messages across the country.

For all the conference details and to register, please visit our national website www.naac-cnsa.ca

Agriculture awareness will be an instrumental key to the future of the agriculture industry. Join the NLFA and register now to participate in this exciting opportunity!

YOUNG FARMERS

Newfoundland and Labrador Young Farmers’ Forum in Ottawa

St. John’s (NL) – March 4, 2008 – The Newfoundland and Labrador Young Farmers’ Forum (NLYFF) are excited about the election of Ian Richardson, a dairy farmer from Cormack, NL, as the new Chair of the Canadian Young Farmers’ Forum (CYFF). Ian Richardson along with four other delegates represented the NLYFF in Ottawa February 25-28 at the CYFF Annual General Meeting.

“The opportunity to represent Newfoundland and Labrador at this annual event is an honour. Meeting with Federal Government officials, Members of Parliament, and farm leaders from across Canada is an important function of advancing the agriculture industry,” said Ian Richardson.

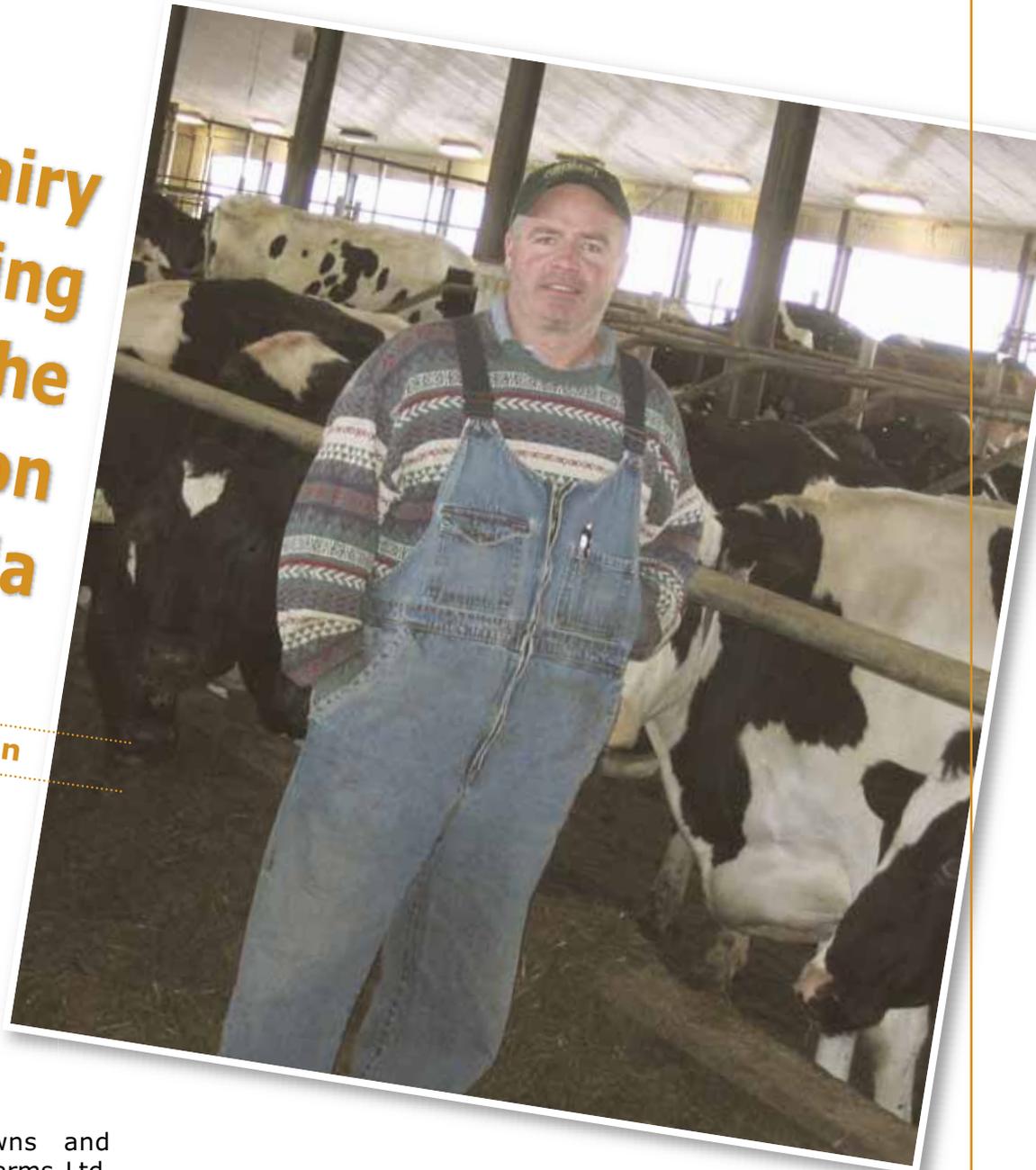
“Newfoundland and Labrador was well represented at the national event in Ottawa. The election of Ian Richardson as Chair, substantiates the leadership role young people from this province are playing on the national level,” said Chan Wiseman, Chair of the NLYFF.

The Newfoundland and Labrador Young Farmers’ Forum (NLYFF) was established in 2003 with the objective of promoting the exchange of ideas and to foster collaboration between the young and future farmers of this province. Today, NLYFF provides a multi-faceted development opportunity for young farmers (aged 18-40), that serves to inform participants, consolidate young farmer opinion, and offer leadership training and advice.



Dairy Farming on the Avalon Peninsula

By Matthew Carlson



Crosbie Williams owns and operates Pondview Farms Ltd., a dairy farm located in the Goulds. Crosbie is no stranger to agriculture. He is a fourth generation farmer, and has also worked with both the provincial and federal agriculture departments.

After graduating from college in 1989, Crosbie took the knowledge he gained from the Nova Scotia Agriculture College and went to work as a crop insurance technician with the provincial government, where he stayed for three years, before working for the federal government for seven years.

Crosbie left his government position to take over the family farm in 1999 when his father passed away. Pondview Farms is still very much a family run operation with Crosbie handling ani-

mal husbandry duties and his brother Ray taking care of field crops as well as machinery maintenance and upkeep.

Pondview Farms has seen expansion over the years. When Crosbie took over the farm, there were about 100 cows. Since then this number has grown to the present level of about 190 cows, which currently occupy the freestyle barn. Pondview Farms also has about 200 acres of forage.

A typical day on the farm starts before 6am and lasts until almost 7pm. The cows are milked first thing in the morning, and after that, cleaning and feeding take place. Crosbie spends much of his

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time on animal husbandry, cost containment, and looking at new ways of increasing efficiency. Quality control is an important part of the operation as the farm is part of the Canadian Milk Quality Program.

One method of increasing efficiency employed by Pondview Farms is by incorporating new technologies where they can help in the day-to-day operations. The McHale baler is a cutting edge piece of equipment used on the farm. It bales and wraps simultaneously and can handle the forage for a large farm while requiring only 2 or 3 employees.

There are, of course, challenges for Crosbie Williams in running Pondview Farms. These include cost reduction, cow fertility and health, and human resource management. Staying on

top of the costs has been particularly difficult lately due to the increasing cost of everything associated with milk production. Crosbie sums up his feelings by saying, "It's a demanding job but I love it!"

As part of his plan for addressing the rising price of feed, Crosbie plans to clear more land for forage production. He hopes to expand by about 50-75 acres. He also plans to improve upon the quality of his forage, thus increasing both quality and quantity.

With his focus on efficiency and background in agriculture, Crosbie Williams has seen his farm expand and prosper over the years. His commitment to operating in this manner is sure to see continuing success.

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New St. John's Farmer's Market expecting a successful summer



By Mark Wilson

St. John's area producers, artisans, crafters, and food providers are bracing for a busy summer at the new St. John's Farmers Market (SJFM). The market will start on June 7 of this year and was held at the Lion's Chalet next to the curling club/Re-Max Centre.

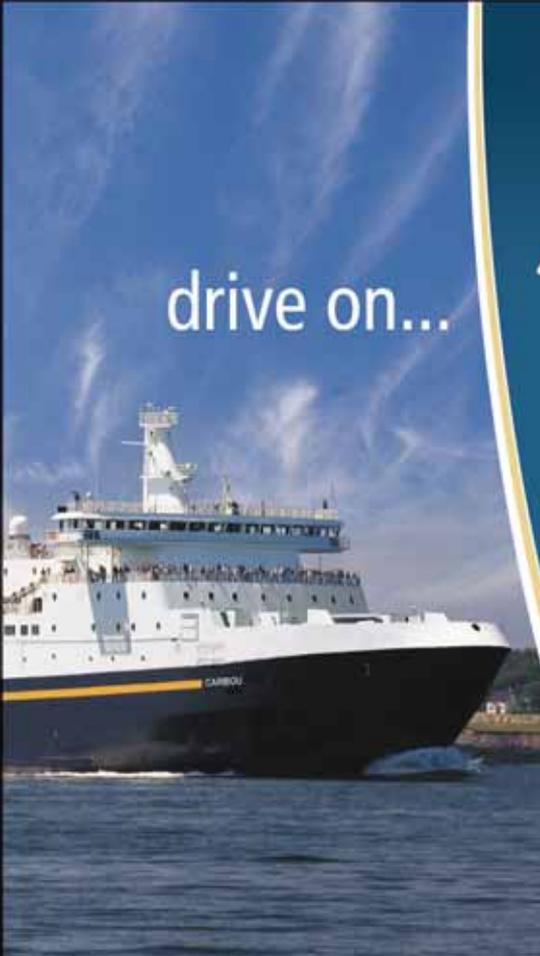
The market is looking to connect producers with customers in a way that is fun for the whole family. "The Halifax Farmers' Market is an event", says Emily Doyle, SJFM Board member and coordinator of St. John's local food and food security organization FEAST (Food Education Action - St. John's). Their organization is planning how to

best promote local and organic food at the St. John's market.

The local and organic market has been growing at a rate of 20% consistently for a number of years now across the world and many organic producers are already seeing the benefits of direct marketing and lower input costs. Everybody likes to hear those words as high oil prices drive the costs of chemical fertilizers through the roof.

Vendors are lining up to get into the market already. Three markets were held last fall and the

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The Advancing Canadian Agriculture and Agri-Food (ACAAF) Program was developed as the successor to the Canadian Adaptation and Rural Development (CARD II) Fund, whose mandate expired March 31, 2004.

The ACAAF Program continues the innovative industry-led approach employed under the CARD II program, with projects delivered at both the national and regional level.

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

The following are examples of projects recently approved by NL Agri-Adapt Council Inc. (AACI) with funding under Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Advancing Canadian Agriculture and Agri-Food (ACAAF) program:

Developing an Emergency Management Plan for Atlantic Dairy Farmers

To better prepare for industry-threatening emergencies such as a major disease outbreak, an Emergency Management Plan is being developed for Atlantic dairy farmers that will include step-by-step response procedures, training materials and simulated emergency exercises.

The plan is being developed by the Atlantic Dairy Farmers Emergency Management Planning Committee, which includes representatives from each of the four Atlantic dairy boards and from provincial governments.

The project is being funded under Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Advancing Canadian Agriculture and Agri-Food Program as a joint initiative of Agri-Adapt Council Inc., Agri-Futures Nova Scotia, PEI ADAPT Council and the New Brunswick Agricultural Council. Agri Adapt Council Inc. is providing \$18,024 toward the project.

The plan is intended to minimize the impact of any emergency on the dairy sector and on agriculture generally.

Policy Research Initiative for the Atlantic Provinces

The Agricultural Alliance of New Brunswick is hiring a researcher to identify and prioritize the common issues within Atlantic Canadian agriculture and develop and implement strategies to create sustainable farming systems in the region.

The project is being funded as an Atlantic partnership project under Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Advancing Canadian Agriculture and Agri-Food (ACAAF) Program, with Agri Adapt Council Inc. providing \$20,000.

The policy researcher will be responsible for meeting with the region's general farm organizations, collecting policy issues from each of the Atlantic provinces and preparing a document identifying common and unique policy issues affecting the region.

The project will be of great benefit to the Atlantic agriculture industry as it will represent the shared interests of agriculture organizations and producers in the region. The research will also promote the rural economy.

The research should lead to the development of a new approach and new guidelines for agriculture in this region, taking into account factors unique to the Atlantic region such as climate and economy.



Direct Marketing Association for NL Farmers Founded

Farmers from across the province who share in the practice of direct marketing now have a provincial organization to represent their interests.

The Newfoundland and Labrador Farm Direct Marketing Association (NLFDMA) held its inaugural meeting in March in Gander, discussing a strategic plan and appointing a board of directors.

The new organization developed out of last year's NL Horticulture Producers' annual general meeting, where about 30 producers expressed interest in forming an organization for direct marketers.

Funding for the founding of the NLFDMA and the inaugural meeting was provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Advancing Canadian Agriculture and Agri-Food (ACAAF) program. The Agri Adapt Council Inc. (AACI) approved \$1,800 for the project.

This is the first group of its kind in the province. Now that the group has been established, they are planning to create a website, logo and pamphlet.

The association is also pursuing other avenues to help the direct farm marketers in this province to prosper. One initiative being considered is volume purchasing to reduce costs.

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success was incredible. St. John's has been waiting for a farmer's market for a long time. On the popular internet networking site Facebook, there are already over 1,500 people who have joined the Farmers' market group. The first market will be incredibly busy. The location of the market is centrally located and there is a lot of parking available for families to come down to get their produce, gifts, and some tasty treats.

"We are looking forward to the time when the market can have a permanent home just like the beautiful harbourside Halifax market", says Lori Greene, Vendor coordinator. "Until the day when the city, provincial agrifoods, and other potential granting agencies are ready to commit to growing a farmer's market with us then we will do our best to provide a venue for all vendors including the local agricultural producers."

For information on becoming a vendor please visit <http://stjohnsfarmersmarket.com> or contact Lori Greene admin@stjohnsfarmersmarket.org Tel 579-0890 or Sarah Hansen sarah@stjohnsfarmersmarket.org Tel 895-3586. Halifax Farmer's Market - <http://halifaxfarmersmarket.com>

Come celebrate 50 years of agriculture research in Newfoundland and Labrador

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada will be hosting the 50th Annual Farm Field Day on Saturday, August 9, 2008 from 10am – 5pm. The day will feature research displays, agricultural displays, tractor rides, calf showmanship, cattle auction, farm animals and a chicken BBQ sponsored by the Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Natural Resources and Country Ribbon. The BBQ is scheduled from 12 – 2 until quantities last...so come early! Admission is free with plenty of free parking on the grounds.

Visitors will have an opportunity to speak one-on-one with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada scientists about their research, including their work in small berries, corn, manure management, integrated pest management and drainage. Industry representatives will be present to provide information on their activities and help the general public learn more about agriculture. Other activities and features of the day will include horse rides, scavenger hunts, face painting, hay rides and even line dancing.

The St. John's Farm Field Day is one of the largest open houses among the 20 Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Research Centres across Canada and it has become a Newfoundland and Labrador tradition for many visitors.

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Labrador Farmers take province's first AG expert training program



By Frank Pye

More than a year ago, moved by interested members, the Lake Melville Agricultural Association applied to the Agrifoods Policy Framework Implementation Committee for funding to

carry out a computer accounting training program. While the proposal was being negotiated, some Association members were made aware of the Farm Credit Canada (FCC)'s computer accounting program, AgExpert Analyst. The advantages of this farm operation oriented program over the off the shelf accounting programs were realized by the members, and the original proposal to APF IC was amended.

For a period it appeared that the training would have to be carried out by bringing in, at a very high cost, a trainer from FCC. However, discussions with the Program Co-ordinator of the Happy Valley Campus of the College of the North Atlantic led to negotiations between College and FCC officials. FCC agreed to in-service an Instructor and permit the College to deliver the program. In late January of this year, eight farm members of the LMAA paid their nominal registration fee and began a 12 hour introduction to the AgExpert Analyst program.

Six two hour classes were carried out as farmers and partners attended the classes, numbering up to eleven participants." Discussions were lively as not only the AgExpert program, but many aspects of farm accounting, CAIS involvement, and reporting



Left to right: CONA Instructor Mark Vardy, Randy Battcock, Maegan Barney, Jean & Clarence Froude, Marjorie Goudie, Lem Seaward. Frank & Joyce Pye. Students Annette Stapenhorst and Monica Curl were absent from the photo.

farm finances to Canada Revenue Agency were discussed. The participants were guided through the software package, and shown how this program vastly simplifies the process of preparing annual returns for Canada Revenue Agency, and the new programs replacing NISA/CAIS.

On Tuesday, February 19 the college hosted a coffee and doughnuts graduation after the final class and presentation of Participation Certificates.

Editor's Note: NLFA's AgriVantage members can receive a 10% discount on AgExpert Software through Farm Credit Canada.

Frank Pye is an ordained United Church Minister who was engaged as an Adult Education Administrator with the Labrador College for ten years prior to his "retirement into farming" in 1996. He and his wife Carole Joyce operate Grand River Farm at Happy Valley-Goose Bay. He represents the Lake Melville Agricultural Association on the Board of the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Agriculture.

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Federation Membership Update

Our first year under our new membership program is in its final quarter and we are gearing up for the coming year! A survey has been sent to all members and to all non-member producers to gauge impressions of the membership program and see how we can improve it. If you have not yet completed your survey, please take a few minutes to fill it out and send it in. We would like to extend our thanks to all the members who have helped to make our membership program such a success!

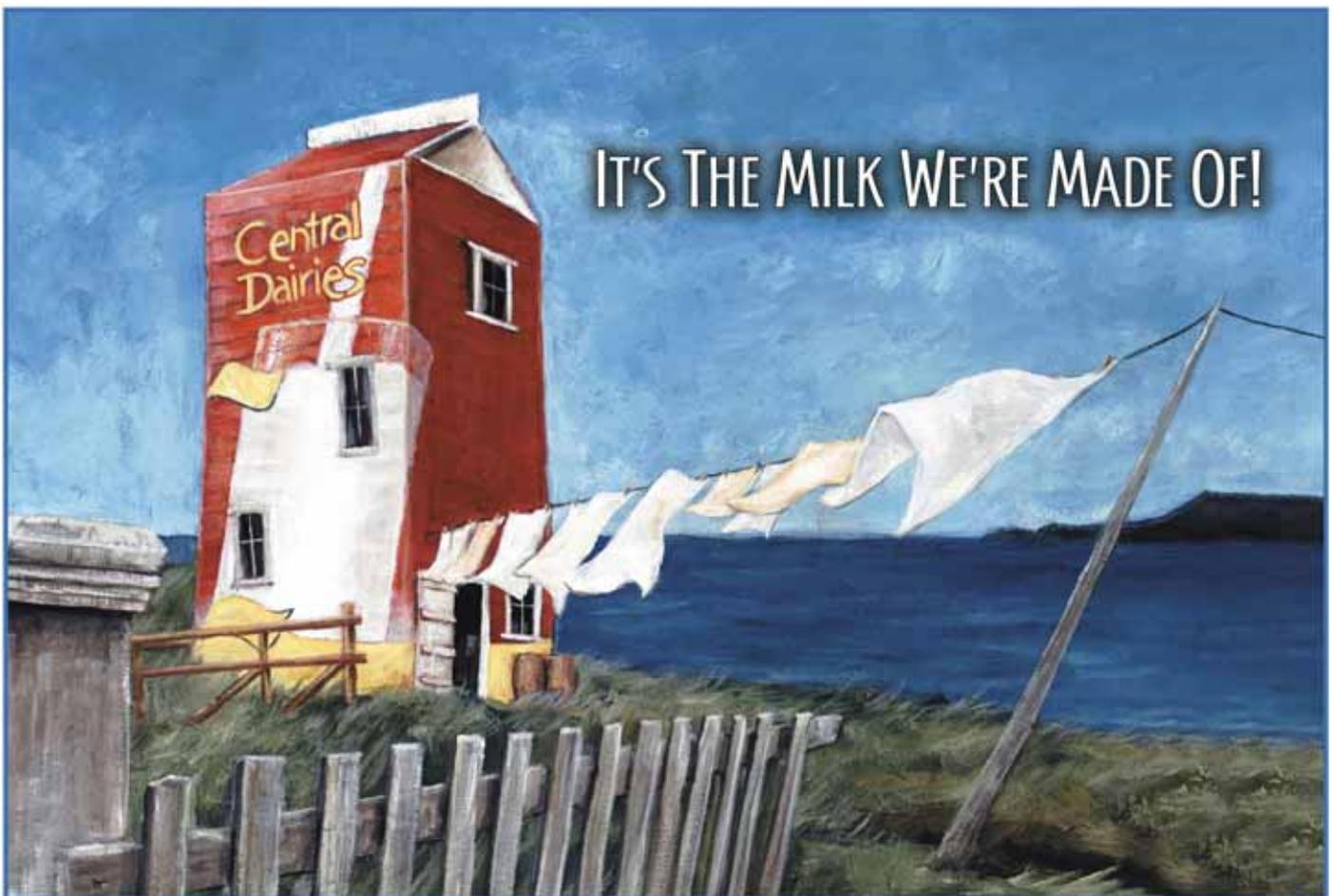
Farm Industry Review Board Meeting Dates

August 25 & 26, 2008

December 11 & 12, 2008

March 10 & 11, 2009

All meetings will be held in St. John's at the Provincial Agriculture Building on Brookfield Road, in Boardroom A. All meetings begin at 9a.m.



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Agricultural History Society Wins Manning Award

By Matthew Carlson

In March the Historic Sites Association of Newfoundland and Labrador presented its 2008 Manning Award for Excellence in the Public Presentation of Historic Places to the Agricultural History Society of Newfoundland and Labrador. The Society was recognized for the creation of its Century Farm Award, which recognizes active family farms which have been in continuous operation for one hundred years or more.

The Century Farm Award, which has been presented to 17 recipients to date, is presented at industry events including the Federation of Agriculture AGM, the Landscape NL Garden Show, the Dairy Producers' AGM, and other agriculture related events. The award highlights the historical significance of these farms, as they helped to fuel the growth of communities throughout the province. These farms have also gone through many adaptations to remain competitive as the market has changed. Some farms have been in operation for as many as six generations.

The Agricultural History Society of NL was formed in 1986 to collect information about the history of agriculture



Members of the Agricultural History Society of NL celebrate the winning of the Manning Award for Excellence in the Public Presentation of Historic Places with his Honour John Crosbie and Mrs. Jane Crosbie at Government House on March 19th 2008. This Award was presented by the Historic Sites Association in recognition of the Century Farm Programme in NL. Society members are Ken Proudfoot, Hilda Chaulk Murray, Jo Shawyer and Kevin Aucoin.

in the province. The Society brings together professional agronomists, career civil servants in agriculture, farmers and historical researchers.

The Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of

Agriculture would like to congratulate the Agricultural History Society of Newfoundland and Labrador on receiving this prestigious award.

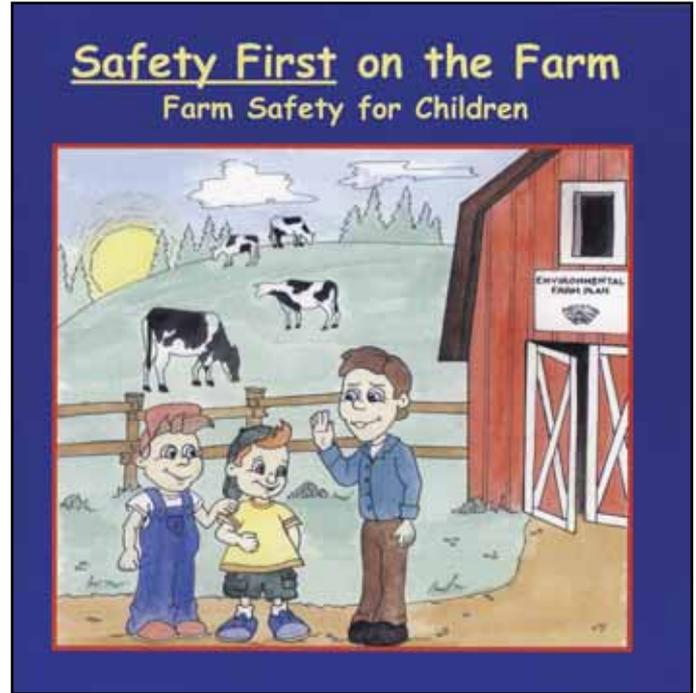


Jacob the Farmer Returns to Educate Children about Farm Safety

By Matthew Carlson

In March, the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Agriculture (NLFA) launched the latest children's book in the Jacob the Farmer series in March. The launch coincided with Canadian Agricultural Safety Week.

The Premier was presented with a copy of *Safety First: Farm Safety for Children* as he signed the proclamation officially recognizing Agricultural Safety Week. The proclamation signing took place on March 3rd at Confederation Building.





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"Agricultural Safety Week provides a great opportunity to promote both agriculture awareness and safety on the farm" said NLFA President Merv Wiseman. "The launch of the Jacob the Farmer children's book about farm safety really emphasizes the importance of the message of farm safety, and the need to educate children about this issue while they are young."

"Jacob on the Farm" is a series of children's books which teaches children valuable lessons about the agriculture industry including safety and where their food originates.

Safety First was written by Mary Kelsey, with illustrations by Nicole Williams. The storybook is being distributed at many of the province's primary schools, and given out at agricultural events like Farm Field Day.

Avalon Renewable Resources Conference, "Life After Oil"

Mariner Resource Opportunities Network (M-RON) Inc., in partnership with Irish Loop Development Board, Avalon Gateway Regional Economic Development Inc., Capital Coast Development Alliance as well as the Harris Centre of Memorial University and the College of the North Atlantic organized and held the Avalon Renewable Resources Conference at the Wilds at Salmonier River on April 10th and 11th, 2008.

The conference was organized in an effort to bring together stakeholders on the Avalon Peninsula including representatives from government, renewable resource industries, communities, academia, and development groups as a means to assess the current status of our renewable resources, determine areas of possible growth, barriers to this growth, and to generate support for a "Renewable Resources Strategy".

Discussed at the conference were issues and opportunities related to the renewable resource sectors including labour market considerations, value added products and services, as well as transportation considerations that will impact fishery, forestry, and agriculture. The conference also explored the effects that climate change will

have on renewable resource sectors on the Avalon.

The Conference was attended by in excess of one hundred delegates representing the various resource industries of the Avalon. The day and a half conference consisted of panel discussions, group break-out sessions and plenary sessions. Panelists included speakers representing government departments, training and research institutions, and industry associations. Representing agriculture in the province at the conference were Ms. Andrea Bourne, Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Agriculture; Mr. Blaine Hussey, Department of Natural Resources; Mr. Mervin Wiseman, Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Agriculture. A report, including recommendations will be ready in May.

Formation of an NL Organic Farming Council

By Mark Wilson

There was an enormous turnout of over 60 people interested in learning about organic farming in Newfoundland and Labrador who attended the NL organic conference in April. With such a rich history of farming in the province, it was no surprise that the old techniques of using inputs like capelin, kelp and composted manure are on the rise once again. Consumers are demanding more local and organic produce, meat, and eggs these days and there are many young farmers that are hoping to get back into agriculture.

The conference was supported by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Organic Federation of Canada, and the Atlantic Canadian Organic Regional Network (ACORN). There were guest speakers from both New Brunswick and Nova Scotia bringing knowledge from provinces that are more developed in both their production techniques and marketing.

DNR was well represented at the conference with Jane White, the current organic farming contact, Kathryn Gillam, and David Mackey all in attendance. Merv Wiseman, President of the NL Federation of Agriculture opened the conference with an overview of agriculture in the province. "The cost of cheap food has had a real impact on



the region: Fifty years ago, the province supplied about half of its own food. Today, NL is importing 98% of its meat and over 90% of its produce".

This is the beginning of a real build in the organic industry in the province. Out of the conference a strong group was formed that met again in May to continue the process of "Going Organic". This is just the beginning, so if you are interested in hosting an organic workshop in your area or finding more about organic farming then contact Mark Wilson, NL Director, Organic Federation of Canada at nlogranics@yahoo.ca or by phone or fax at 754-7172.

Labour Market Research

Capital Coast Development Alliance (CCDA) is the regional economic development board for the northeast Avalon Peninsula. CCDA is one of twenty regional economic development boards in the Province with a mandate to promote, facilitate and coordinate economic development in the northeast Avalon region. CCDA, in partnership with the NL Federation of Agriculture, is embarking on an exciting research initiative in this region.

Briefly, considerable research has identified the significant economic potential of the Agriculture/Agrifoods industry in the Province. To capitalize on this potential, CCDA and its partners are undertaking a data collection exercise to address the human resource challenges in growing this sector. Funded by Service Canada, the research will develop profiles of workers in the sector including types of employment, current skill levels, current education levels and age. The information will be used to identify and prioritize training requirements as well as a tool to encourage more people to choose agriculture as a career.

Data collection from farmers and farm employees on the Northeast Avalon will be occurring throughout the upcoming months. **The more farms that contribute, the better the data will be, so your participation is encouraged!** The surveys will be administered at the participating farms at the convenience of the owners/operators in a **secure** and **confidential** manner.

Should you have any thoughts, comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact **Lindsey Hewitt**, the **Agriculture Project Coordinator** for the CCDA at **(709) 753-5554** or **lhewitt@ccda.nf.net**.

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