



## Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Agriculture

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### **“Federation of Agriculture Hosting Annual General Meeting in Gander”**

The Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Agriculture’s Annual General Meeting and Workshop will take place on January 30 and 31, 2019 at the Quality Inn & Suites, Gander. The theme of the workshop is *“Working together for the future of the Agriculture Industry.”*

NLFA’s AGM provides an excellent opportunity for farmers, government representatives, guest presenters, and Federation representatives to network.

“This is a great opportunity for farmers to understand their role in our organization and help to elect the representatives that will serve their interests throughout the year” stated NLFA President, Mervin Wiseman. “The workshop will also provide farmers a chance to gather knowledge on agriculture in Newfoundland and Labrador, as well as in other parts of the world. It is a chance for farmers to get the latest information, collaborate with other farmers and government officials, and provide direction to NLFA for the year.”

“Events like this, where farmers and industry meet, share knowledge and learn from each other, help generate new ideas and innovative thinking in the sector. The theme “Working together for the future of the Agriculture Industry” aligns well with our commitment to collaborate to ensure our industry continues to grow and prosper, while delivering economic benefits and job growth opportunities.”

- *Lawrence MacAulay, Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food*

“Our government continues to work in partnership with farmers, producers and industry to increase food self-sufficiency by 20 per cent by the year 2022 and we look forward to continuing our working relationship with the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Agriculture,” said the Honourable Gerry Byrne, Minister of Fisheries and Land Resources.

Approximately 115 delegates, including farmers, government representatives, and other industry stakeholders are expected to attend the event. The event will also feature NLFA’s Environmental Award presentation and a recognition of a member who has provided an outstanding industry contribution.

We are anticipating elections this year for the positions of President, and Secretary-Treasurer.

The Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Agriculture is an organization which represents farmers and farmer groups in the province. Their motto is “Farmers Helping Farmers”, and they believe that by sharing information and speaking with a united voice, farmers can work more effectively for the betterment of the agriculture industry, and for the improvement of the province as a whole.

This workshop is funded in part by a \$20,000 contribution provided by the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a federal-provincial-territorial initiative intended to innovate, grow and strengthen the agriculture and agri-food sector.

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