



Who IS ON THE RESEARCH FARM

For Sandy Todd, agricultural research in Newfoundland and Labrador is all about discovering what is possible.

"This region is so unique because of its climatic challenges," says Todd, research manager at Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Atlantic Cool Climate Crop Research Centre. "Our scientists are always talking to farm-



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ers and working with new varieties, technologies and techniques to get the most out of the available land and the short growing season."

While much has changed at the centre and in agriculture since the facility became the hub of agricultural research in the province in 1949, the job remains basically the same, he says.

That job is to find solutions for innovative and committed farmers who are not prepared to let a short growing season, a rugged landscape and a tough climate stop them from maintaining a thriving agriculture sector in the province.

Those solutions are now also being shaped by powerful new technology, advances in environmental science and food safety, and new information about the links between food compounds and health.

For Todd, a native of Michigan, it was a sense of adventure that brought him to Newfoundland and Labrador as a 22-year-old student to visit a friend attending medical school in St. John's.

He fell in love with the province. Then he fell in love in the province.

"I couldn't get over the beauty of the place and how really great the people were," says Todd. "Then I got a job my first summer here and met the woman who became my wife."

He moved to the province and joined the research centre in 1995 after working in the private sector and the provincial government. He became the

research centre manager in 2006.

The full-time staff of 27 includes scientists, technicians, labourers, facilities management, administration and communications. The site includes 61 hectares of land, with an additional 14 hectares at a research farm in Avondale.

The centre has also become a working example of the partnerships that are critical to successful research today.

"If you walk through and around the centre, you will meet staff from the Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Natural Resources, the Federation of Agriculture, Chicken Farmers, and scientists and grad students from Memorial University.

"On our land, we have an Environment Canada weather station and Canadian Food Inspection Agency potato research plots. We also depend on local farmers for assistance in planting some of our research plots.

"It's a neighbourhood that is good for our business because research is about ideas. And the best ones come from the exchange of ideas between people who have shared goals and different experiences to draw on."

The research is led by five scientists, including Dr. David McKenzie (new crop production techniques), Dr. Peggy Dixon (insects), Dr. Allan Kwabiah (soil, manure), Dr. Debnath Samir (biotechnology, breeding and plant propagation) and Gary

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Bishop (agricultural systems).

"It can definitely be a challenge to farm in this province," says Todd. "We have the difficulty of working with a short season that begins with a spring that tends to be cool.

But we find a way to do it."

He points to Dr. Kwabiah's work with plastic mulch that has allowed dairy farmers to grow corn as a high-energy feed for their cattle.

Strips of plastic are placed over the planted rows of corn and act as a greenhouse, allowing the seed to germinate in soil that would otherwise be too cold.

Once a rare sight in the province, feed corn production topped 1,600 acres last year and is providing the growing dairy industry with a home-grown alternative to imported cattle feed.

"When you can find a solution like that, it makes the work very satisfying," says Todd.

And the search for innovative solutions continues.

This year, Dr. Peggy Dixon will focus on finding new ways to control insects without chemicals, including the use of cover crops and biological pesticides.

Engineer Gary Bishop will be looking at more effective ways to keep manure in the soil as a natural fertilizer and out of the waterways as he conducts experiments in a new building constructed to measure subsurface water drainage.

And Dr. Debnath Samir will be introducing a mid-bush blueberry plant to the province in the near future. This variety could help the commercial blueberry industry by combining the concentrated, healthy antioxidant punch of wild (low-bush) blueberries with the harvesting ease of high bush plants.

"We have a scientific team that is really committed to helping farmers grow and prosper," says Todd. "At the same time, our research addresses issues like health and the environment that are important to everyone."

The centre's science team has also been talking to researchers in European countries that share the challenge of a short growing season.

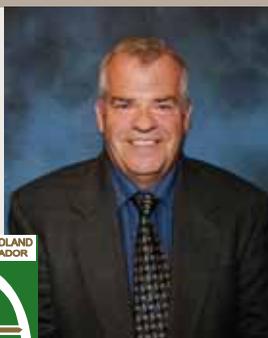
"Scientists from Scandinavia and Scotland have visited our centre, and some of our scientists have been talking to their counterparts in Austria and Ireland. We have a great network for sharing ideas and information."

Todd says the sense of adventure he felt when he first arrived in Newfoundland and Labrador is still there.

"The farmers in this province are so innovative," he says. "They bring so much to our scientific explorations."

For further information or questions about the Centre, please contact Sandy by email at Sandy.Todd@agr.gc.ca.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Eugene Legge
President

It is hard to believe that another year has come and gone and the AGM is fast approaching. In reflecting on the past year's activities, the first that comes to mind is the launch of the new federal program called CAAP (Canadian Agricultural Adaptation Program) which replaced the outgoing ACAAF program.

With this new program came new guidelines, which we all must now learn anew.

Another big change this past year was the introduction of the Growing Forward program, and the announcement of updated and improved guidelines for the program, which came later in the year. If

there was ever a time for industry to avail of programs, and of funds, this is it! We are truly the envy of the country with these new program dollars.

In looking at the path for the future, it is unfortunate that the new provincial agriculture strategy will not be present at the Federation's upcoming AGM. We are anxious to review the strategy and see the vision for the future of our industry.

We are also eager to see what the new legislation for the livestock industry will contain. The new legislation is called the Animal Health and Protection Act, and it will be replacing the outgoing Animal Protection Act, and Livestock Act, as well as four other related pieces of legislation.

Soon farmers will be back in the fields planting their crops for 2010 and I hope that this growing season will be better than last year and that the agriculture industry as a whole will grow again this year.

2010 NLFA Annual General Meeting and Seminar to Take Place in Gander

March 30th and 31st, 2010
Hotel Gander in Gander, NL

“Agriculture... 2010 and Beyond”

Our annual general meeting (AGM) and seminar will be held on March 30th and 31st, 2010 at Hotel Gander. The early bird registration fee is \$105 for producers and \$115 for non-producers (a \$20 discount applies for **AgriVantage Cardholders**) for the two-day event if you register on or before March 12th, 2010. The cost is \$125 for producers and \$130 for non-producers thereafter, with the same \$20 discount available for **AgriVantage Cardholders**.

The registration fee includes:

- Registration for the seminar and AGM
- Lunch for two days
- Nutrition breaks for two days
- Banquet ticket for March 30th

Additional banquet tickets can be purchased for \$55 for producers and \$60 for non-producers (a \$10 discount applies for **AgriVantage Cardholders**). To pre-register, please fill out the form sent in the AGM information mail-out and send it back to our office with your payment on or before the pre-registration deadline. If you did not receive the mail-out, please call our office at 747-4874.

All registration and banquet prices include 13% HST.

Hotel reservations can be made directly with Hotel Gander by calling toll free, 1-800-563-2988. Please specify the Federation of Agriculture as we have a block of rooms reserved on a first come, first served basis.

Don't forget that to vote at the AGM, you will need a 2009-2010 NLFA membership, which can be purchased at the AGM if necessary.

This will be an excellent opportunity to network with other farmers, government personnel, guest presenters, and your federation representatives. We look forward to seeing you in Gander!



Local products will be featured again on this year's banquet plates.





The NLFA's Annual General Meeting provides many great opportunities to network.

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AgriVIEW

Strong Roots Spur New Growth at Ripple Trail

By Matthew Carlson

Karen Durfey operates Ripple Trail Farm in Markland, on the Avalon Peninsula. This family farm dates back to 1959 when Karen's father, Bernard Tucker, bought it and began working the farm fulltime six years later. Farming runs in Karen's family, and prior to taking up farming her father was a carpenter, but he soon decided that he wanted to trade in his dusty indoor job for the fresh air of a job growing outdoors. Markland was a natural choice for where to start the operation, as Bernard fished in the area in the past and knew it well.

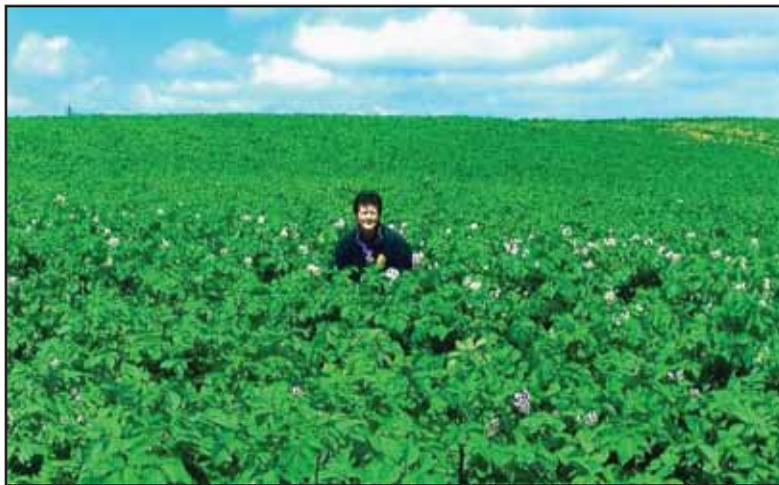
Today, Ripple Trail Farm is a 95-acre vegetable operation which is known primarily for its parsnip, as well as other traditional Newfoundland vegetables including cabbage, turnip, carrot, potatoes, and beet. There are currently 30 acres of crops in

production and 32 acres of hay.

In addition to the traditional crops, increasingly Karen is expanding into more non-traditional crops as well, like beans, squash, sweet potatoes, and swiss chard. Much of this shift is due to increasing and shifting demand direct from customers. While wholesale is still the primary means of sale for Ripple Trail Farm, more and more of Karen's crop is being sold direct to consumers at the St. John's Farmers' Market.

Every Saturday when the market

runs, Karen and her husband Dennis set up a display for Ripple Trail Farm at the St. John's Farmers' Market and sell their product. Karen likes to sell product direct through the market because it allows her to both obtain a higher price for her product compared to selling through



Karen and Dennis Durfey at the St. John's Farmers' Market.



A customer buys fresh produce from Ripple Trail Farm at the Farmers' Market.



wholesale and monitor demand for different vegetables.

Embracing the direct sale model through the farmers' market is how Karen is tackling one of the challenges she faces at her farm, that of cheap imports in the wholesale market. A bigger challenge at Ripple Trail Farm is labour. With our strengthened provincial job market, it is much more competitive for employers, including farms, today. This is also combined with the fact that all the harvesting at Ripple Trail Farm is done by hand, meaning it has a greater need for labour than many farms. Volatility in some farm supply markets is another challenge, as fertilizer costs

spiked significantly last year, before falling again this year. This makes budgeting very difficult.

Karen isn't going to let any of these challenges stand in her way as she plans to focus more on the direct sales approach at the farmers' market and also upsize her greenhouse to accommodate more growing space. Her ability to adapt to challenges and to the changing market has been a recipe for success, which is sure to continue long enough to carry out her current plans and make many more for the future.

Look for Ripple Trail Farm at the St. John's Farmers Market, set to return Saturdays this June.

EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

Farm Safety Week 2010

The 2010 Canadian Agriculture Safety Week (CASW) is taking place March 14 – 20, 2010. This year's theme is "Plan. Farm. Safety". The theme will be ongoing for three years, with 2010 kicking off the campaign.

The three different aspects of the theme will be

promoted over the next three years. This year the campaign will focus on and promote "Plan" with safety walkabouts and planning for safety. In the second year, the focus will be on "Farm" including implementation, documentation and training. In the third year, emphasis will be on "Safety" including assessment, improvement and further development of safety systems.

Planning farm safety is easier than many realize, and through this year's campaign the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA) is educating its members, the industry, and the public on how to make an effective safety plan. CASA's materials promote a simple and effective means of formulating a safety plan without a lot of paperwork.

Each year in Canada an average of 115 people are killed and at least 1,500 are hospitalized for farm-related incidents according to the Canadian Agricultural Injury Reporting program (CAIR). In 2006 Statistics Canada reported a total of 13,801 Canadian farms with one or more medically treated or lost time injuries.

According to CAIR, the two leading causes of death on Canadian farms are machinery and livestock. Looking at machinery-related deaths, tractors are by far the most dangerous, while handling



EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

bulls, horses and cows with calves causes the most deaths in non-machinery incidents.

Look for information and materials from CASA at the NLFA's 2010 AGM.

Horticulture Workshop In Gander, March 17 & 18



Mark your calendars and be sure to attend the upcoming Horticulture Council Workshop at the Albatross Hotel in Gander Wednesday and Thursday, March 17 & 18, 2010.

The workshop will consist of a day and half of exciting speakers and interesting topics .

Further details to be posted at www.hortnl.com

2010 Landscape and Garden Show

Landscape Newfoundland and Labrador (LNL) will be holding the Biennial Landscape and Garden Show at the St. John's Curling Club on April 24th and 25th, 2010 (Saturday and Sunday). This is the provincial premier showcase for up to date services, products and information for home and garden enthusiasts - plus a forum for industry networking.



The Show will be open to the public from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM on Saturday, and from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Sunday.

Seminar sessions and presentations by invited guest speakers will take place in the designated area and will be open to anybody who has paid to come to the show. Sessions will be scheduled over both days. A detailed schedule will be published ahead of time, and will also be included in the Show brochure at the Reception desk.

Vendors and others seeking display space should note that space is limited and in high demand, so book early.

For more information call Cle Newhook at 726-5651 or email lnl@landscapenl.org or download the Registration Package at LNL's website [www.landscapenl.org].

Chicken Farmers of NL and Egg Farmers of NL AGM

April 27th and 28th
Sheraton Hotel, St. John's

Climate Wars & Food Security

Egg, Dairy and Chicken Farmers of NL are pleased to present:

Dr. Gwynne Dyer, live at the Sheraton Hotel NL on Wednesday, April 28, 2010, from 1:30-3:00 pm.

Admission is free! Seating is limited to 300 people.

Funding to host the event provided by Agri-Adapt Council Inc. (AACI).

If you would like to attend you may reserve a seat by contacting Ron Walsh at:

709-747-1493 or rwalsh@nlchicken.com



DAIRY FARMERS OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR



Dairy Focus 2010



Dubbed Atlantic Canada's premiere dairy event, Dairy Focus 2010 will be held **March 24 and 25** at the Old Orchard Inn, **Greenwich/Wolfville, Nova Scotia**, with a pre-conference tour and special Cow Signals Session on March 23rd. A trade show and banquet are also an integral part of this great learning and networking opportunity!

For full details, or to register, please visit: www.dairyfocusconference.com



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

Bringing Automated Fox Flething Technology to Newfoundland and Labrador

Automated fox flething technology represents the future of the fox industry and M & E Fur Farm saw an opportunity to introduce it to the province and advance our local fur industry so that it remains as competitive as possible on the world stage.

The project is seeking to create competitive efficiencies in fox flething operations by increasing the speed and quality of flething fox pelts in preparation for auction house sales. Unlike mink pelt processors, fox producers in Newfoundland and Labrador have been using technology developed in the 1970s to process fox pelts for the market place. The process is time-consuming, inefficient and requires special expertise and demanding manual labour to complete.

A fox flething machine was purchased from a fox producer in Norway and transported to this province last fall. The Norwegian fur producer then came to the site at M & E Fur farm to help install the device and to demonstrate it to a group of fur farmers.

Having this technology in the province will also help with another major issue facing the industry - labour. Producers in the fur industry have been having a difficult time finding the labour they require, and especially finding qualified operators for the antiquated equipment.

The activities related to this project have now been completed. A full report has been produced by M & E Fur Farm for the benefit of industry and AACI. The report outlines the logistics associated with purchase and installation, associated operational characteristics and efficiencies and quality issues associated with the new technology.

Funding to acquire, install, and demonstrate fox flething technology is provided through Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Canadian Agricultural Adaptation Program (CAAP). The Agri Adapt Council Inc. (AACI) approved \$11,300 towards the project.

Seeking New Solutions to Farm Waste

The local poultry industry currently lacks a long-term landfill solution for offal management and is currently employing a temporary bridge solution. The industry has identified establishing a long-term solution as a major priority. The recent closure of a rendering plant in the province, combined with developments leading to the fur industry no longer being able to accept the same quantity of offal, have led to the current situation of using landfill sites almost exclusively for poultry offal management. This is not a sustainable solution, and thus sustainable, long-term solutions are being sought.

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).

Country Ribbon is engaging industry experts to investigate the feasibility of either a freezing plant or a rendering plant. These experts will be consulted to determine the costs, process, technology, and infrastructure required for both solutions.

Whichever technology is employed, it will result in new jobs for the industry, and better utilization of offal, which represents a valuable protein source. As a protein source, offal is currently being wasted. Finding a solution to the offal management issue will also allow the Newfoundland and Labrador broiler industry to remain more competitive.

If the chosen solution is to construct a rendering

plant, this will also give the added benefit of allowing the poultry sector to have access to an additional management option, beyond utilizing landfills, for spent hens as well.

There are also added benefits if the freezing plant is selected. The fur industry would be the primary benefactor if this option is adopted, as it would have a year-round secure feed source.

Funding to research and pilot the feasibility of new offal management strategies is provided through Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Canadian Agricultural Adaptation Program (CAAP). The Agri Adapt Council Inc. (AACI) approved \$71,124 toward the project.

LABRADOR REPORT

Developing Commercial Agriculture in Labrador



While farming already has a strong foothold in Labrador, much of it is in the form of small scale hobby farms. There is an effort developing to engage in more commercial activities, bring in new entrants, and help existing producers (who are interested) to expand to a commercial scale.

A cooperative association is in the process of being formed to provide support, organization, and keep members informed about and involved in commercial agriculture. A co-op is a commonly used means of providing the necessary economies of scale and pooling of knowledge in areas where commercial farming is still developing. Canada, in fact, has a history of successful cooperatives, most notably the wheat pools in Western Canada.

This developing cooperative will be an organic co-op, with registered bona-fide organic farmers making up its membership. Tom Angiers will be taking on a leadership role in the formation of the new group. Tom has represented the Lake

Melville Agricultural Association on the NLFA Board of Directors over the past year. He will be taking the lead on the shared vegetable storage, which will be part of the effort, by housing it on his farm land and overseeing its operations.

By having duties delegated to various members, like what is being done with the vegetable storage, a co-op is much more likely to be successful. Often what happens otherwise is that no one takes responsibility and there is lack of management, leading to important tasks like maintenance being overlooked.

There is strong interest in taking up commercial farming in Labrador, with close to ten individuals in the process of acquiring land to farm. Among those aspiring new entrants are two of Tom's sons: Chad, 23, is a licensed mechanic by trade; and Logan, 21, is working toward becoming an auto body journeyman. The Angiers family has strong roots in farming, and Tom feels that the well-organized co-op is just what his sons need to make the jump from their current careers to commercial farming.

The overall goal of this co-op effort is to provide Labrador residents with fresh, safe, local food options. The greater the development of the commercial market in the region, the more local food will be available to Labradorians. There are currently few local food options for Labrador residents who rely heavily on food imports. Through



efforts, including trials of new crops in the region last summer, it has been proven time and again that Labrador has what it takes for farmers to

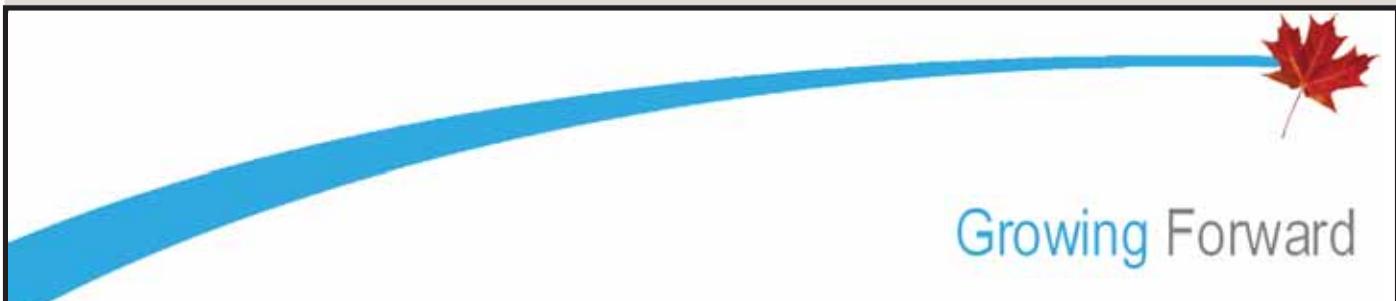
produce. This co-op effort aims to give farmers the tools they need to realize the area's commercial agriculture potential.

HUMAN RESOURCE FILE

All research to date suggests that, even with the recent economical success of the province of Newfoundland and Labrador, we will still see a shortage of skilled labour in the upcoming years. The fact that so few youth seem interested in our industry, combined with the fact that a great percentage of our existing farmers are preparing to retire, we may see a need for 1,000 – 2,000 new employees within the next three years.

The NLFA's Labour Market Planning Committee is working towards providing a valuable and educational conference that will help our farmers, and industry stakeholders, understand the situation as well as offer information, and examples of best practices, on how we can overcome it. The confirmed date and location of the HR Conference is:

October 27 & 28, 2010
Capital Hotel, Kenmount Road, St. John's, NL.



The Department of Natural Resources, Forestry and Agrifoods Agency, advises that applications are currently being accepted for the 2010-11 AgrilInsurance program. The AgrilInsurance program is a federal/provincial program providing crop insurance to the vegetable producers of Newfoundland and Labrador.

- Vegetable producers with one or more acres of potato, turnip, cabbage, carrot, beet or parsnip are eligible to apply for coverage.
- Insurable perils include drought, excessive rainfall, excessive moisture, frost, wind, rain, hail, snow, wildlife and any other condition beyond the control of an insured producer which results in the loss of a crop or part of a crop.
- Insured producers are eligible for 90% funding under the Growing Forward program for wildlife fencing and/or irrigation equipment. Also, insured producers are eligible for the Advance Payment program available through the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Agriculture.
- Application deadline for the AgrilInsurance program is April 30, 2010.

To request an application or for more information on the AgrilInsurance program, please contact:

	Dwight Snow 709-729-7362 dwightsnow@gov.nl.ca	Janice Gill 709-637-2473 janicegill@gov.nl.ca	Danny Brock 709-686-2702 dannybrock@gov.nl.ca	
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More information regarding the conference will be provided in the upcoming months.

There are a number of websites containing information on human resource management. The province of NL recently completed its Youth Retention and Attraction Toolkit: www.nlhrmanager.ca. This has a large amount of information and is useful for any business owner. As well, the Canadian Agricultural Human Resource Council (CAHRC) is working on national projects to improve the industry's human resources. They have also developed a database of training programs that is available

at www.agritalent.ca.

We are working with economic development boards, the department of education, provincial & federal governments, and private institutions to develop training programs, information sessions/ workshops, and promotional campaigns that will encourage people to enter the industry, and continue to improve the skills of our existing workforce.

For more information around the various activities regarding human resources, please contact Chris McCarthy at the federation office.

NEW & EXCITING

2010 Dairy Quality Awards Presented

The Daphne Taylor Milk Quality Award of Excellence has been awarded each year since 1997. The winners of this award receive a cheque and a certificate of recognition. The first place winner also receives a farmgate sign recognizing their achievement.

In addition, for the first time this year the Gold Standard Award was also presented. This award was created to highlight achievement in milk quality in a non-competitive manner, setting a threshold of quality which could be awarded to any number of farmers in a given year.

Here are this year's Daphne Taylor Milk Quality Award of Excellence winners:

1st place – Gregory's Dairy Farm

2nd place (tie) – Glenview and Harcourt Dairy Farms

3rd place – K&P Gulliver's Dairy Farm

The Gold Standard Award was presented to Finn's Dairy Farm this year.

These awards are managed cooperatively between the Department of Natural Resources, Animal Health Division, Dairy Farmers of Newfoundland and Labrador, and the milk processors themselves.

It's Still Not Too Late to Vote at AGM 2010!

The Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Agriculture's Annual General Meeting (AGM) is fast approaching. One of the most important parts of the meeting is voting for the Board of Directors and Executive! **But in order to vote, you must be a member in good standing of the NLFA.** Producers who have not yet paid their membership fees for 2009-2010 can still pay and register as a member any time up until the vote takes place to avoid losing out on voting privileges.

The benefits of membership don't stop at voting. When registering for the AGM, Federation members need only show their AgriVantage membership card to receive a \$20 discount on registration. Extra banquet tickets are also discounted for AgriVantage card holders. Members will even receive a discount on their hotel stay at the Hotel Gander.

There are more discounts also available to AgriVantage members. Are you renting a car to attend the AGM? Members receive special rates on rental cars, heating oil, farm equipment purchases and leasing, as well as clothing and even website development.

The AgriVantage membership program entered its third year in September and has been growing ever since it launched.

Don't miss out on all these great benefits available only to members of the NLFA. Membership fees start at only \$50!



For any questions related to membership, or to join, please contact Matthew Carlson at 747-4830, or by email, mcarlson@nlfa.ca.

St. John's Farmers' Market Moves Closer to Becoming a Cooperative

Nearly sixty people turned out at Gower St. Church Hall on February 20 to discuss the formation of the St. John's Farmers' Market Co-operative Ltd. After three increasingly successful seasons fuelled by the energies of many volunteers and a seasonal Market Manager it was time to create a more formal corporate structure. Several local



farmers, an international chef, and a City Councillor were among those attending.

President Colin Greene of the Friends of the St. John's Farmers' Market chaired the information and discussion session. He provided an overview of the history of the Market, highlighting the significant growth both in the number of vendors.

Several people provided their personal

experiences as vendors, volunteers and consumers, all noting how warm, friendly and community-oriented shopping at the Market was. Blueberry farmer Martin Walsh of Colliers said, "It was a great experience to be a vendor and meet my customers and chat with them. I'll be there next year."

Jim Winter, Co-op Development Consultant, then provided a short overview of the proposed multi-stakeholder structure for the co-op noting that this fairly new organizational option would help ensure that the Market is owned and directed by those with the most to gain from its existence: Farmers, other vendors and the community. Nearly half of those attending expressed strong interest in becoming more involved.

Within the upcoming weeks the organizers of the session will be organizing a meeting of those interested in being founding members and incorporating the co-operative. Anyone interested in attending this meeting or becoming involved with the Market Co-op should contact:

Colin Greene, President
Friends of the St. John's Farmers Market
Email: colin.greene@gmail.com
Phone (709) 579-0890

NLFA Helps "Root for Health"

The Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Agriculture, working with the Kids Eat Smart Foundation, and School Milk Foundation celebrated Nutrition Month on March 15 and 16 by hosting an event called Rooting for Health in schools throughout the province.

This unique event brought together nutrition tips and facts, a visit from local farmers, and a nutritious breakfast. Farmers on site provided interesting facts and information on their products, how they are grown or produced, and helped to dispel any associated myths. Breakfast included fresh local eggs, milk, and berries. Students even got the opportunity to plant seeds in their own individual pots to try their hand at farming and growing healthy vegetables.

Participating schools included:

- Goulds Elementary (Goulds)
- Xavier Junior High (Deer Lake)
- C.C. Loughlin Elementary (Corner Brook)
- Roncalli Central High (Avondale)



(L-R) Hector Williams, farmer and NLFA Board Member; Beth Johnstone, School Milk Foundation; Keith Hutchings, MHA; Daphne LeDrew, Kids Eat Smart; and Eugene Legge, Farmer and NLFA President.

- Greenwood Academy (Campbellton)
- Holy Redeemer Elementary (Spaniard's Bay)
- E.A. Butler High (McKay's)
- Smallwood Elementary (Gambo)
- Whitbourne Elementary (Whitbourne)



Kids plant seeds at Goulds Elementary during the event.

- I.J. Samson Junior High (St. John's)

Funding to host the event provided by Growing Forward.

Look for more coverage in our next issue.

NL Young Farmers Forum

Do you want to impact the future of farming in a positive way?

Here's Your Opportunity: Round-Table Discussion with Department of Natural Resources - Agri-Foods Division

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