

NB Farm Products Commission 2022-2023 Annual Report

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Message from Chair

On behalf of the New Brunswick Farm Products Commission, it is my pleasure to submit the Annual Report for the period April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023.

The commission held 10 in person meetings and four virtual meetings during the year.

The commission had many accomplishments over the past year, including implementing the Milk Quality and Premise Penalty Order to ensure the quality of milk in the province.

Furthermore, Research and Productivity Council purchased a Bactoscan machine for bacteria testing. With Bactoscan, the commission was able to increase bacteria testing on raw milk samples from once a month to once a week.



Robert Shannon
Chairperson

Mandate

New Brunswick Farm Products Commission is a supervisory body appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council empowered to carry out the provisions of the *Natural Products Act* and any regulations and orders under the Act.

Board membership

The Board was composed of the following members as of March 31, 2023.

1. Robert Shannon: Chair, representing the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries
2. Kevin McKendy: Vice Chair, representing the interests of consumers
3. Paul Chiasson: representing the New Brunswick Milk Dealer's Association
4. Marcel Michaud: producer representative
5. Rebekah Nason: producer representative
6. April Sexsmith: nominated by the Minister
7. Victor Somerville: producer representative
8. Robert Speer: representing Dairy Farmers of New Brunswick

Committees and subcommittees

Subcommittee for establishing Boards and Agencies: The subcommittee was responsible for creating a standard operating procedure for establishing any new Boards or Agencies under the *Natural Products Act*.

During the 2022-2023 year, this subcommittee created a standard operating procedure and an application for any organization applying to become a Board or Agency. The subcommittee received one application during this year.

The subcommittee members for 2022-2023 were Kevin McKendy, Rebekah Nason and April Sexsmith and two staff members: Kerrie Hallett and Bianca Mclean.

Legislation, policies, and by-laws

The Commission is governed by the *Natural Products Act*.

Activities and metrics (KPIs)

- Met 10 times and conducted 4 virtual meetings
- Conducted annual reviews of two agencies (Bleuets NB Blueberries, Canneberges NB Cranberries) and all eight commodity boards (Potatoes New Brunswick, Apple Growers of New Brunswick, Chicken Farmers of New Brunswick, Egg Farmers of New Brunswick, Turkey Farmers of New Brunswick, Dairy Farmers of New Brunswick, New Brunswick Cattle Producers, Pork NB Porc)
- Staff of the commission attended the annual and regional meetings of the producer organizations formed under the *Natural Products Act*
- Staff of the commission attended the national meeting for Canadian Milk Supply Management Committee (CMSMC), Dairy Industry Council, Canadian Dairy Commission Annual Public Meeting, Joint P5 Supervisory Body and Western Milk Pool Coordinating Committee, CMSMC Secretariat, Technical Committee of the P10 Signatories, National Association of Agri-Food Supervisory Agencies, International Association of Milk Control Agencies, Farm Products Council of Canada Meeting, and International Dairy Federation
- Reviewed wholesale and retail prices of fluid milk products in the province and issued increases in September and February
- Approved 5 new orders (2022-02 Wholesale and Retail Pricing Order, 2022-04 Milk Quality and Premise Penalty Order, 2022-06 Milk Quality and Premise Penalty Order, 2023-01 Wholesale and Retail Pricing, Order 2023-02 Lab Pasteurization Order)

Financial information

	Budget	Actuals
Personal Services	\$ 310,298	\$ 355,446
Other Services	\$ 463,300	\$ 216,111
Materials and Supplies	\$ 1,000	\$ 329
Property and Equipment	\$ -	\$ 918
Total	\$ 774,598	\$ 572,805

Overall, the Commission operated within its budget for the reporting year. The surplus in other services is due to delay in implementation of new milk testing.

Staffing

The Commission staff as of March 31, 2023:

Jim Mockler: Acting General Manager

Kerrie Hallett: Senior Agriculture Commodities Specialist

Bianca Mclean: Regulations Analyst