

# New Brunswick Grain Commission 2022-2023 Annual Report

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# Message from Chair

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Dear members and stakeholders,

It is my pleasure to present to you the annual report for the year 2022-2023, outlining the New Brunswick Grain Commission's program activities and services to the province's grain and oilseed industry.

The Commission is responsible to the Minister of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries for the administration of the *New Brunswick Grain Act*. The Commission's activities include: training and monitoring grain graders; authorizing and supervising all grain graders; inspecting and calibrating all grain grading equipment; settling grain grade related disputes and providing yearly monitoring of toxin levels of NB grown wheat, oats, barley, soybeans and corn.

We are proud of our membership which includes industry, government representation and grain and oilseed producers from across the province who continue to contribute to our sector in a meaningful way.

Food self-sufficiency remains important and promoting local production with quality standards continues to be a top priority for the New Brunswick Grain Commission.

We look forward to further educating and promoting the New Brunswick grain industry.

Sincerely,



Shawn Paget  
Chair

## Mandate

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The Commission Mandate as set forth in the *New Brunswick Grain Act*:

- (a) To provide for the effective development of the grain industry of the Province;
- (b) To promote, control and regulate the production and marketing of grain; \*
- (c) To add order and stability to the grain industry of the Province; and
- (d) To establish and maintain standards of quality for grain and to regulate grain handling in the Province to ensure a dependable commodity for markets.

*\*The Commission is not actively involved in regulating the production or marketing of grain at this time.*

## Commission membership

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

1. Shawn Paget, Chair
2. Eddie Robichaud, Vice Chair
3. David Seeley, Commissioner
4. Kier Miller, Commissioner
5. Stephanie Cormier, Commissioner
6. Murphy Friesen, Commissioner
7. Brian MacDonald, Department Representative

## Committees and subcommittees

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The Commission does not have any committees or subcommittees.

## Legislation, policies, and by-laws

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The Commission is governed by the *New Brunswick Grain Act*.

## Activities and metrics (KPIs)

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- Conducted four in person workshops providing initial grain grader training to attendees.
- Conducted a virtual mandatory grain graders workshop for all graders.
- Visited all grading facilities throughout the province to inspect and calibrate equipment.
- Maintained the Commission's strategy to promote awareness within the sector regarding the damage caused by Fusarium Headblight. Ongoing initiatives include:
  - Conducted annual surveillance for deoxynivalenol toxin levels on up to 30 samples from across the province;
  - Additional sampling conducted in cooperation with the Canadian Grain Commission where samples will be used for grading data on Atlantic grains;
  - Forwarded samples to the Canadian Grain Commission as part of their Harvest Survey Program; and
  - Conducted additional sampling and tests on New Brunswick grown grains.

| KPI   | Actual |
|---|--------|
| Initial training - workshops                    | 4      |
| Continued training - workshops                  | 1      |
| Authorized grain grading establishments visited | 25     |

# Financial information

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## COMMISSION BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES APRIL 1, 2022 TO MARCH 31, 2023 (UNAUDITED)

| Category                      | Budget          | Actual          |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Salaries and Related Expenses | \$36,318        | \$35,255        |
| Travel and Accommodation      | \$2,800         | \$1,790         |
| Equipment, Supplies and Other | \$10,000        | \$3,865         |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>\$49,118</b> | <b>\$40,910</b> |

### Notes:

- Salary and Related Expenses include Chief Grain Grader salary and benefits, as well as commission member per diems.
- Travel and Accommodation includes expenses related to staff travel, conferences, and training.
- Equipment, Supplies and Other includes office supplies, equipment, materials, and other services needed for program delivery.
- Salaries and Expenses of other Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries (DAAF) staff supporting the Commission are not included above. These costs are included in the budget of DAAF.

## Staffing

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*Chief Grain Grader* – responsible for administering a grain grading system and network of trained grain graders ensuring the quality of traded grains and oilseeds by verifying they meet internationally recognized standards.

*Department Representative* – responsible for coordinating between commission staff, DAAF senior management, and the Minister.

*Secretary Manager* – responsible for providing administrative support to the Commission, including meeting scheduling, document preparation, and record-keeping.