

New Brunswick Grain Commission 2023-2024 Annual Report

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Message from Chair

Dear members and stakeholders,

It is my pleasure to present to you our annual report for the year 2023-2024. The New Brunswick Grain Commission (Commission) provides stability and support to the province's grain industry through targeted programs and services. This document summarizes the main activities of the Commission over the past year.

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 monitoring of toxin levels in New Brunswick grown wheat, oats, barley, 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 security remains important, knowing where our food is grown and having quality standards to follow continues to be a top priority for the New Brunswick Grain Commission and producers.

We look forward to further promoting and further developing a quality grain industry.

Sincerely,



Shawn Paget
Chair

Mandate

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.*

Board membership

The Commission was composed of the following members as of March 31, 2024.

1. Shawn Paget, Chair
2. Eddy 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

No committees or subcommittees have been established under the New Brunswick Grain Commission.

Legislation, policies, and by-laws

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

Activities and metrics (KPIs)

- Conducted three 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 (DON) levels on up to 50 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	Target	Actual
Initial training - workshops	2	3
Continued training - workshops	1	1
Authorized grain grading establishments visited	30	43

Financial information

COMMISSION BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES APRIL 1, 2023 TO MARCH 31, 2024 (UNAUDITED)

Category	Budget	Actual
Salaries and Related Expenses	\$37,300	\$36,932
Travel and Accommodation	\$2,800	\$458
Equipment, Supplies and Other	\$10,000	\$7,710
Total	\$50,100	\$45,100

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

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.