

New Brunswick Agricultural Insurance Commission 2022-2023 Annual Report

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Message from Chair

Dear members and stakeholders,

It is my pleasure to present to you the annual report of the New Brunswick Agricultural Insurance Commission for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.

The Commission plays an important role in supporting the agriculture sector by administering an agricultural insurance program to help producers manage production risks.

I want to thank fellow commission members for their guidance during the year and the efforts of the staff members who support the Commission.



Gailen Allan
Chair

Mandate

The New Brunswick Agricultural Insurance Commission is responsible for the overall direction and development of the Canada-New Brunswick AgrilInsurance program. The Commission provides advice to the Minister of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries on future programming and changes to existing programming.

Board membership

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

1. Gailen Allan, Chair
2. Beth Hatt, Vice Chair
3. David DuPlessis, Member
4. Gilles Godbout, Member
5. Jan Rademaker, Member
6. Jean-Marie Pelletier, Member

Committees and subcommittees

The Board does not have any committees or subcommittees.

Legislation, policies, and by-laws

The Commission is governed by the *Agricultural Insurance Act*.

Activities and metrics (KPIs)

- Provided farmers with financial protection against production losses caused by natural perils, such as drought, excessive moisture, hail, frost, wind, and wildlife.
- Offered insurance contracts for the following crops: apples, grains, grain corn, oilseeds, potatoes, sweet corn, strawberries, fresh market vegetables and wild blueberries.
- Supplied insurance contracts on a demand basis. The number of contracts sold varies each year based on number of applications received.

KPI	Actual
Number of insurance contracts sold	363
Number of hectares insured	14,941
Insured value	\$72,980,357

Financial information

COMMISSION STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS APRIL 1, 2022, TO MARCH 31, 2023 (UNAUDITED)

Category	Budget	Actual
Revenue		
Premiums	\$3,525,000	\$4,373,654
Wildlife Compensation	\$250,000	\$344,128
Administration	\$1,035,000	\$1,113,411
Total Revenue	\$4,810,000	\$5,831,193
Expenses		
Indemnities	\$2,600,000	\$2,171,850
Wildlife Claims	\$250,000	\$344,128
Administration	\$1,030,000	\$1,110,715
Reinsurance	\$930,000	\$170,391
Total Expenses	\$4,810,000	\$3,797,084
Annual Surplus (Deficit)	\$0	\$2,034,109
Accumulated Surplus	\$0	\$6,313,891

Notes:

- The Commission is part of the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries. Financial results are consolidated into the Province of New Brunswick's annual financial statements.
- Premiums collected were higher than budgeted due to rising commodity prices.
- Reinsurance expenses were less than budget due to lower reinsurance rates.

Staffing

Director: responsible for the overall management and direction of the Commission, including strategic planning, policy development, and financial management.

Manager: responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the Commission including setting the agenda for Commission meetings and representing the Commission in discussions with the federal government.

Agricultural Insurance Coordinator (3): responsible for providing professional agrology services, supervising Agricultural Insurance Agents and preparing/reviewing reports.

Agricultural Insurance Agent (6): responsible for selling insurance contracts and adjusting contracts when required while working directly with program participants.

Business Analyst: responsible for administering the New Brunswick Agricultural Insurance System and accounting functions.

Financial Support: responsible for preparing the annual financial statements and tracking and reporting administrative expenses.

Administrative Assistant: responsible for administrative support.