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**Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association
Annual Convention 2013**

The 149th Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association Annual Convention is being held January 29th-31, 2013 at the Old Orchard Inn outside of Wolfville and the Atlantic Food and Horticulture Research Station in Kentville. Attending is a key way for Nova Scotia, Maritime and New England producers to stay abreast of current issues, share information and network. The speaker program is complemented by a trade show, President's Reception and banquet. **See the full program and registration attached or at www.nsfgaconvention.com.**

2013 Keynote Speakers are:

TOM CHUDLEIGH



> [read Tom's bio](#) on the convention web site

Tom will be addressing the Convention twice:

Banquet Keynote: Apple Growing for Fifty Years – Have I Learned Anything?

Convention Keynote: What Distance is the Second Tree?

DARREL OAKES



> [read Darrel's bio](#) on the convention web site

Darrel will be addressing the Convention twice:

President's Reception Keynote: Adapting to Change: Three Generations and Business Transition

Convention Keynote: Modifying Your Equipment for Your Changing Needs

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Time to register for the NSFGA 149th Annual Convention

The **deadline** for the Early Bird Registration is **Jan. 15, 2013**.

See the **agenda** (subject to changes) and a **registration form attached**.

For details about the speakers, sponsors, trade show participants see our convention web site at **www.nsfgaconvention.com**.

Register via fax, email, post or in person at the NSFGA office.



The NSFGA **Apple** News

ASSOCIATION NEWS

CONGRATUTIONS TO:

BOATS FARM An award was given to Ironworks Distillery in Lunenburg by the Taste of Nova Scotia for Taste's "Most Innovative New Product of the Year". The Boats involvement in this project was growing the organic pears in the bottles and extracting the pear juice. The product is a distilled Eau de Vie or "water of life" made from pears. It should be noted Ironworks is interested in buying second grade pears to make this product.

MASSTOWN MARKET, an NSFGA associate member, has been named as the recipient of a national heritage award by the Canadian Federation of Independent Grocers.

CASE VAN DYK has been inducted into the Atlantic Agricultural Hall of Fame.

VAN MEEKEREN FARMS LTD. have received the Annapolis Valley Outstanding Exporter of the Year Award.

The Honourable John MacDonell, Minister of Agriculture recently announced the reappointment of Mr. Greg Coldwell and Mr. R. **Mike Walsh** to 3 year terms on the Board of the Nova Scotia Crop and Livestock Insurance Commission.

Our sympathy goes out to John Kenny, W. J. Kenny Farms, who lost his home to fire recently.

IN SYMPATHY:

To Peter and Paulson Elderkin in the loss of their Mother, Louise Elderkin.

To Joan and Dale Hebb in the loss of their father Gordon Hebb.

To the Van Meekerens in the loss of Frank Van Meekeren.

CONGRATULATIONS
Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association
on your
150th Anniversary!

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CLASSIFIED:

Cannamore Orchard in Ottawa is looking for items to purchase for their farm museum which focuses on items that might be found on a typical farm from the 1850's to the 1970's relating to apples, cider, strawberries, honey, maple syrup and chickens. You can contact Dennis Taylor at 613-448-3633 or info@cannamoreorchard.com.



ASSOCIATION NEWS – CONTINUED

The following are the Resolutions from the 2011-2012 NSFGA Annual General Meeting on Nov. 27, 2012.

NSFGA 2012 RESOLUTION #1: EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we hereby express of our sincere sorrow and regret in the loss of some members of our Association and that this resolution be given as prominent place in our record as a lasting memorial. This list may not be complete and additional names may be added. *(Resolution covers the period Aug 01/11-Jul 31/12)*

Dr. Donald L. Craig	Upper Dyke, Kings County
Edmund Belford Sturk	Morristown, Kings County

NSFGA 2012 RESOLUTION #2: ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION – NOTICE OF MOTION

WHEREAS the Articles of Association (By-laws) of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association may be slightly outdated; and

WHEREAS there may need to be modification to the Articles of Association (By-laws); and

WHEREAS Section 12 of the Articles of Association specifies the method required for changing the Articles;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution is serving as NOTICE OF MOTION that a motion to change the Articles of Association of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association may be put forward at the 2013 Annual General Meeting.

NSFGA 2012 RESOLUTION # 3: INDUSTRY FUNDING FOR TREE FRUIT RESEARCH (amended)

WHEREAS the Federal Government has raised the industry cash contribution required to leverage project funding from 10% to a minimum 25%,

AND WHEREAS having a multi-faceted, long-term, tree fruit research program in place is critical in maintaining and advancing the industry's competitiveness,

AND WHEREAS the NSFGA does not receive enough revenue from membership fees or from the return on its investments to provide the required 25% cash contribution to support such a research program,

AND WHEREAS the Nova Scotia Tree Fruit Research Foundation (NSTFRF) is moving to change its corporate status from not-for-profit to charitable for the purpose of attracting charitable donations from other charitable organizations so that donations may be invested and the returns used to support tree fruit research,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NSFGA supports the NSTFRF's efforts to change its corporate status to charitable.

NSFGA 2012 RESOLUTIONS #4 : AGRISTABILITY

WHEREAS AgriStability is an Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) margin-based business risk management program which allows producers to protect their farm operations against large declines in farm income,

AND WHEREAS AgriStability assistance is triggered when a producer's production margin in a program year drops below 85% of his/her reference margin (olympic average of the previous 5 years) or more than 15% below his/her historical reference margin,

AND WHEREAS starting in the 2013 program year AgriStability will only provide assistance if a producer's margin falls below 70% of his/her reference margin or 30% below his/her historical reference margin,

AND WHEREAS this change will be very harmful to producers, particularly those who have diversified farm operations,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NSFGA request that AAFC maintain the 85% trigger figure,

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the NSFGA request that CHC lobby AAFC for continuation of the 85% trigger figure,

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the NSFGA request that the NS Federation of Agriculture request that the Canadian Federation of Agriculture lobby AAFC for continuation of the 85% trigger figure.



ASSOCIATION NEWS – CONTINUED

Resolutions and Nominations from the 2011–2012 NSFGA Annual General Meeting, Nov. 27, 2012

NSFGA 2012 RESOLUTION #5: UTILITY DEDUCTIONS FROM SEASONAL AGRICULTURAL WORKER PROGRAM (SAWP)

WHEREAS Nova Scotia's minimum wage rate is at or above the National level

AND WHEREAS Nova Scotia's utility costs are among the highest in Canada

AND WHEREAS in the Apple Industry wages are our highest cost of production expense

AND WHEREAS Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario, PEI, New Brunswick and Manitoba may deduct \$2.16 per day of work from their SAWP worker's pay to offset utility costs

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we ask the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture to lobby the proper Government Departments to have this deduction allowable to Nova Scotia employers in the SAWP.

NSFGA 2012 RESOLUTION #6: FOREIGN SEASONAL AGRICULTURAL WORKER HEALTH INSURANCE

WHEREAS, each year, Nova Scotia horticultural producers bring in foreign seasonal agricultural workers which totaled 843 in 2012, mainly from the Caribbean – Jamaica and Barbados and Mexico.

WHEREAS, they contribute significantly to the sustainability of the farms they work on and contribute positively to their local communities. They also contribute to the tax base of this province by purchasing many local goods and services.

WHEREAS, the work they do has allowed their employers to expand and create business opportunities, which in turn has led to more purchase of local goods and services.

WHEREAS, the province of Ontario has in the vicinity of 15,636 foreign seasonal agricultural workers and each of those workers is covered under OHIP – Ontario Health Insurance Plan.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NSFGA request the Nova Scotia Government and the Nova Scotia Department of Health extend Nova Scotia Health coverage to our foreign seasonal agricultural workers.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND REPRESENTATIVES:

The following two persons were elected for the positions of **President and Vice President** for two year terms 2012-2014:

President: Rob Peill

Vice President: Stephan Van Meekern

Board of Directors and Representatives

Due to the change in NSFGA governance, there were no open positions on the Board of Directors for 2012-2013. At the first meeting of the Board in 2013 a Treasurer and Director at Large will be selected as Directors and officers.

The returning Board of Directors for 2012-2013 are:

Brian Boates, Donnie Connell, Lloyd Dyck, John Eisses, Peter Eisses, Ann Lockhart, Doug Nichols, Andy Parker, Peter Sanford, Blake Sarsfield, and Waldo Walsh.

The following four persons were nominated to sit on the Board as group or organization representatives for one year terms (2012-2013):

Andrew Bishop CHC Representative

James Stirling Packer's Representative

Leonard Sarsfield Processor Representative

David Cudmore Scotian Gold Representative



STORAGE HOLDINGS REPORT

Canadian Apple Storage by Type of Storage and Province

1 December 2012

C.A. = Controlled Atmosphere (Thousands of pounds)

Region / Province	2012-2013				2011-2012				% Change
	C.A.	Cold	Common	Total	C.A.	Cold	Common	Total	
Total Maritimes	36,262	2,560	0	38,822	39,829	8,790	0	48,619 (1)	-20.15%
Quebec	84,436	25,436	0	109,872	91,385	15,920	0	107,305	2.39%
Ontario	31,580	6,755	0	38,335	147,132	24,028	0	171,160 (1)	-77.60%
British Columbia	95,177	37,008	0	132,185	0	0	0	0 (2)	-
Total Canada	247,455	71,759	0	319,214	278,346	48,738	0	327,084	-2.41%

Legend: Quantities in '000 lb Units

CA = Controlled Atmosphere

Co/Co = Cold/Common

Footnotes : (1) Revised data (2) Revised data incomplete

Source: INFOHORT

[www.agr.ca/misb/infhort/infhort_e.html](http://www.agr.gc.ca/misb/infhort/infhort_e.html)

http://www4.agr.gc.ca/IH5/Reports/faces/apple_reports.jsp?lang=e&REF=apple_reports

Nova Scotia Apple Storage by Variety and Use from NSFGA collected Data Reported in Bins on:

DECEMBER 1, 2012

DECEMBER 1, 2011

VARIETY	FRESH		PEELER		JUICE	TOTAL
	CA	Cold	CA	Cold		
Ambrosia	198	73				271
Cortland	2619	40	0	3	0	2662
Empire	3827	71	0	0	0	3898
Gala	732	66	0	0	0	798
Golden Delicious	890	125	0	26	0	1041
Golden Russet	1159	66	0	0	0	1225
Honeycrisp	1434	156	0	22	1	1613
Idared	5977	89	585	181	0	6832
Jonagold	499	52	3405	500	30	4486
McIntosh	5839	345	0	0	0	6184
Red Delicious	5025	62	0	0	0	5087
Spartan	1462	31	0	0	0	1493
Spy	289	321	2845	263	0	3718
Others	274	313	10909	700	26	12222
TOTAL	30224	1810	17744	1695	57	51530

VARIETY	FRESH		PEELER		JUICE	TOTAL
	CA	Cold	CA	Cold		
Ambrosia	488	108	0	0	0	596
Cortland	4935	491	0	5	0	5431
Empire	686	173	0	0	0	859
Gala	1347	291	0	0	0	1638
Golden Delicious	1809	453	300	0	0	2562
Golden Russet	256	141	0	8	0	405
Honeycrisp	6466	724	0	0	0	7190
Idared	1074	544	5039	707	0	7364
Jonagold	2664	176	38	66	0	2944
McIntosh	13761	856	0	0	1	14618
Red Delicious	2381	1279	0	0	1	3661
Spartan	714	26	0	0	0	740
Spy	30	219	11241	5202	0	16692
Others	273	299	0	1	38	611
TOTAL	36396	5672	16618	5989	40	65311



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INDUSTRY NEWS

SAWP (Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program) Effective Oct.1, 2012 the point of contact change for Service Canada in relation to SAWP is in Simcoe, Ontario. For Information and how to apply go to www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/workplaceskills/foreign_workers/sawp.shtml or call 1-866-431-7297

Container Sizes

OTTAWA, November 22, 2012: The **Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)** is proposing to eliminate current restrictions that limit the size of containers for certain foods. These restrictions provide no food safety benefit. To validate this feedback, the CFIA plans to launch a formal consultation in 2013 as part of the standard regulatory amendment process. Proposed changes, which will include a flexible implementation time frame of up to five years, as well as a detailed assessment of potential impacts, will be posted on the *Canada Gazette* website, www.gazette.gc.ca.

Until the regulatory process concludes, the current regulations will remain in force. CFIA compliance and enforcement activities will continue. In addition, Ministerial Exemptions and Test Market Authorizations related to container sizes will continue to be administered.

Source: CHC Member Note Nov. 23, 2012

Nova Scotia Farm Load Board Changes: New directors as of Jan. 2013 are Angela Hunter, Chair; Arnold Park, Vice; Greg Sheffer, Lee Thompson and James MacAfee.

Source : Agriculture and Food Operations Newsletter, NSDA, Dec. 2012

Crop and Livestock Insurance Commission is moving to Perennia Innovation Park in December. All their other contact information will remain the same.

The **Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture (NSFA)** and the Ecology Action Centre are pleased to receive word that the Environmental Goals and Sustainable Prosperity Act (EGSPA) now include food goals.

As the Nova Scotia Legislature rose last week and the Green Economy Act, Bill 136 was proclaimed, the inclusion of two food goals in EGSPA is official.

The following are the two goals:

- local food consumption is supported and encouraged, with the goal of 20 per cent of the money spent on food by Nova Scotians being spent on locally produced food by 2020;
- local food production is supported and encouraged, with the goal of increasing the number of local farms by five per cent by 2020.

Source: NSFA News Release, Dec. 12, 2012

2013 LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Jan. 19	Hemp, Hops and Haskap: The Next Big Thing? Workshop Old Orchard Inn. For Information: www.gov.ns.ca/agri/thinkfarm/nextbigthing.shtml or Dept. of Ag, Catherine Plumridge, 902-563-2000 or plumricl@gov.ns.ca
Jan21	Workshop on CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) Profitability at Perennia Innovation Park. For info go to http://acornorganic.org/csaprofitability.html
TBA	Chainsaw Awareness and Safety Training for Farmers. Limit 6 people, located on your farm woodlot. For information call Farm Safety NS office 893-2293 /email info@farmsafetyns.ca

Dalhousie Agricultural Campus :

Feb. 20	PRCP Updates: Pesticide Application Technology for Farmers
April 16-19	Pesticide Applicator Certification For information visit www.nsac.ca/cde or call 902-893-6666.



*Wishing you and your family Best Wishes
for a Wonderful Holiday Season and New Year
from the NSFGA Staff*

IFP NEWS

TRAPS: At the March 22, 2012 NSFGA Special Membership meeting the Membership decided that certain NSFGA services would be eliminated, one of those services was the selling of codling moth and apple maggot traps and lures to members.

DATES TO NOTE:

DEC. 21 NOON THROUGH JAN. 1, 2013 the NSFGA office will be closed.

JANUARY 15 DEADLINE for Early Bird Registration for the **NSFGA ANNUAL CONVENTION**

JANUARY 15, 2013 NSFGA 1st 2013 Executive Committee Meeting. The first meeting of the 2013 Executive Committee is scheduled for Tuesday January 15, 2013 at 10am in Blair House.

JANUARY 24 NSFGA 1st 2013 Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 24, 2013 at 1:30pm at AFHRC in the Cornwallis Room.

JANUARY 29-31 NSFGA Annual Convention Registration is open. See the agenda and registration form attached or for Info visit www.nsfgaconvention.com

ADVANCE PAYMENT PROGRAM:

Growers who have apples in CA Storage can still apply for the Advance Payment Program Loan for the 2012-2013 Apple crop. Please contact Teresa Rooney at 678-1093 or via email at trooney@nsapples.com

Note: The NSFGA prefers to send out as few hard copies of the newsletter as possible but let us know if you prefer to receive it in hard copy. Also let us know if there is someone who did not receive a newsletter but wishes to. Anyone is welcome to submit info or photos for consideration to include in the newsletter. Our web site is under renovation, we appreciate your patience. If you have any comments or suggestions please contact Marjo.

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