



The Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association
Apple News

Celebrating 150 years of being **original.**

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Best wishes for the Holiday Season



to you and yours from

, NSFGA President

and the NSFGA Office Staff,



150 Years - Forever Young

Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Annual Convention 2014

The 150th NSFGA Annual Convention is being held January 28-30, 2014 at the Old Orchard Inn and the Atlantic Food and Horticulture Research Station in Kentville. Attending is a key way for Nova Scotia, Maritime and New England producers and industry stack holders to stay abreast of current issues, share information and network. The speaker program includes high quality grower speakers "from away" and local, educational programming with researchers, plus the event is complemented by a trade show, President's Reception and Banquet.

Take advantage of the Early Bird Registration before January 15th
See Registration Form Attached

The NSFGA Convention Web site is up with the [**Convention Programme**](#) for the 3 days (subject to changes) and registration forms. Check it regularly at [**www.nsfgaconvention.com**](http://www.nsfgaconvention.com) or on our web site at [**www.nsapples.com**](http://www.nsapples.com).



Introducing the 2014 NSFGA Annual Convention Keynote Speakers



Keynote Speaker: Rod Farrow



Rod immigrated to New York with his family to take a position with Lamont Fruit Farm in 1986. The first Lamont's put down roots in Orleans County just east of Albion in 1815 and the 6 generations involved in the business since then built a large and diverse farming operation. Lamont Fruit Farm, Inc. was formed in 1966 by George and Roger Lamont as an Operating Company for all the orchards owned by the Lamont family. Read more of Rob's bio and the farms transition on the NSFGA convention web site: www.nsfgaconvention.com



Keynote Speaker: André Tougas

André studied Farm Business Management and Pomology at Cornell University, graduating in 2003. After briefly working for First Pioneer Farm Credit, he returned to the family "pick your own" farm, Tougas Family Farm. In 2006 the farm started a long term transition plan.....



Banquet Speaker: Dr. Julian Gwyn

Dr. Gwyn is Professor Emeritus, Department of History, University of Ottawa where he taught from 1961 to 2003. He is also Adjunct Professor in Dalhousie's School of Graduate Studies. Since moving to Berwick from the Ottawa Valley in 2004 his research and publishing has focused principally on agriculture. His most current book is entitled: *'Comfort Me with Apples': Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association, 1863-2013*, which will be available at the Convention.



A AFC InforHort Report December 1, 2013 Canadian Apple Storage by Type of Storage and Province

Thousands of pounds)

Region/ Province	2013-2014				2012-2013				% Change
	C.A.	Cold	Common	Total	C.A.	Cold	Common	Total	
Total Maritimes	35,287	3,479	0	38,766	36,262	2,560	0	38,822	-0.14%
Quebec	100,008	17,442	0	117,450	84,436	25,436	0	109,872	6.90%
Ontario	148,653	35,397	0	184,050 (1)	31,580	6,755	0	38,335	380.11%
British Columbia	55,559	33,315	0	88,874	95,177	37,008	0	132,185	-32.77%
Total Canada	339,507	89,633	0	429,140	247,455	71,759	0	319,214	34.44%

Footnotes (1) Revised

December 1, **2013**

NS Data collected by the NFGA

Reported in Bins

December 1, **2012**

VARIETY	FRESH		PEELER		JUC	TOTAL	FRESH		PEELER		JUC	TOTAL
	CA	Cold	CA	Cold	Cold		CA	Cold	CA	Cold	Cold	
Ambrosia	990	27	0	0	0	1017	198	73				271
Cortland	3383	48	0	2	0	3433	2619	40	0	3	0	2662
Empire	163	74	0	0	0	237	3827	71	0	0	0	3898
Gala	1454	158	0	0	0	1612	732	66	0	0	0	798
Golden D	1017	275	77	2	0	1371	890	125	0	26	0	1041
Golden Russet	290	7	0	0	0	297	1159	66	0	0	0	1225
Honeycrisp	8895	50	0	36	0	8981	1434	156	0	22	1	1613
Idared	898	27	4199	464	0	5588	5977	89	585	181	0	6832
Jonagold	2486	65	207	23	2	2783	499	52	3405	500	30	4486
McIntosh	8918	353	0	0	0	9271	5839	345	0	0	0	6184
Red Delicious	2099	206	0	0	0	2305	5025	62	0	0	0	5087
Spartan	395	31	0	0	0	426	1462	31	0	0	0	1493
Spy	0	330	11161	2113	0	13604	289	321	2845	263	0	3718
Others	41	311	0	0	1	353	274	313	10909	700	26	12222
TOTAL	30039	1935	15644	2640	3	51278	30224	1810	17744	1695	57	51530



IFP NEWS

December 8, 2013 Rob Smith, Chair of the IFP Committee sent the following to the PMRA.

Notice of Intent, NOI2013-01, Action to Protect Bees from Exposure to Neonicotinoid Pesticides.

On behalf of our NS Fruit Growers IFP committee I wish to express our stand on the pending restriction to the use of neonicotinoids in crops.

The loss of organophosphates for pest control in tree fruit production has precipitated serious pest management issues for key pests such as apple maggot. Despite control efforts using an array of 'new chemistry' insecticides we have sustained damage levels of 23% and 20% 2012, 2013 respectively. Filling the void for lost OP's are the neonicotinoids. The majority of their use occurs mid season and the industry avoids blossom time applications as a safety measure to ensure pollinator viability. Our industry works closely with bee keepers in a partnership that is mutually beneficial. As a retired entomology research scientist and owner of a third generation orchard, I can attest that at this juncture in time, neonics are essential in our crop production program.

It is more than unfortunate that well meaning, but politically motivated, organizations (e.g. Sierra Club) attempt to misrepresent the scope and solutions to the bee decline. Honey bee health in Canada has many serious issues entangled with pesticide safety. It is both unrealistic and scientifically unsubstantiated to conclude that banning the use of neonicotinoids, especially in horticulture, will magically solve pollinator decline.

Rob F. Smith, PhD
Chair, Integrated Fruit Production Committee

NSFGA IN THE NEWS

Fruit and Vegetable Magazine published an article in their Nov/Dec 2013 edition covering our 150th Anniversary Tea. **"NSFGA celebrates its sesquicentennial"** Read a copy of the article on our web page by clicking on the link on the home page. Go to www.nsapples.com.

INDUSTRY NEWS

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture has announced support for the proposed changes to Bill C-18. "Of note is the inclusion of multi-year agreements between producers and administrators of the **Advanced Payment Program**, which should reduce red-tape by limiting the administrative burden of using the program year after year. Increased flexibility around security arrangements, proof of sale, and the means of repayment will all go a long way to making a great program more accessible to industry." To read the entire news release go to <http://www.cfa-fca.ca/media-centre/news-releases>. **To read more about the APP** go to http://www.cfa-fca.ca/sites/default/files/file/C-18_Advance%20Payments%20Program.pdf

Interested in apple crop results in other areas?

See "British Columbian apple growers work through limited supplies" at <http://www.freshfruitportal.com/2013/12/3/british-columbian-apple-...>

Read "Canada's Apple Industry: Looking Ahead" in the CHC Fresh Thinking, Fall 2013 http://www.hortcouncil.ca/uploads/file/English/Fresh%20Thinking/Fresh_Thinking_Fall_2013_REDUCED.pdf



NSFGA NEWS

IN SYMPATHY

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- AUG. 1** NSFGA 2013-2014 Member dues sent in the mail and payment is due
- Dec. 16** NSTFRF Meeting and AGM,
1pm Blair House
- Dec.** No Executive Committee Meeting this month
- Dec.** NO NSFGA Board of Directors' Meeting
- December** Send resolutions for the NSFGA Annual General Meeting
- December** Register for the 150th NSFGA Annual Convention and Banquet
- Dec.25-26** Office is closed
- Jan. 1, 2014** Office is closed. Happy New Year
- Jan. 21** Executive Committee Meeting,
10am Blair House
- Jan. 23** NSFGA Board of Directors' Meeting
1:30pm, Cornwallis Room
- Jan. 28-30** NSFGA 150th Annual Convention and Annual General Meeting at the Old Orchard Inn and AHFRC

Jay Barkman in the loss of son, Edward
The Bishop family in the loss of Stewart Bishop.

Note: Please send any NSFGA news to be included. No ones news is excluded intentionally.

*Note: The NSFGA prefers to mail 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. The newsletter may also be viewed on our web site:
www.nsapples.com*



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