

NB Farm Products Commission 2023-2024 Annual Report

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Message from Chair

On behalf of the New Brunswick Farm Products Commission, it is my pleasure to submit the Annual Report for the period April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024.

The commission held 10 in person meetings and five virtual meetings, and it also conducted one appeal during the year.

The commission achieved several accomplishments over the past year. Firstly, the completion of the initial year of using Bactoscan as a new method of testing for bacteria in raw milk across the province which included more frequent testing. Secondly, the commission introduced new ways to promote fluid milk consumption in the province with new cross promotion and milk pricing holiday opportunities, as outlined in our Wholesale/Retail Pricing Order.



Matthew Tweedie
Chairperson

Mandate

New Brunswick Farm Products Commission is a supervisory body appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council empowered to carry out the provisions of the *Natural Products Act* and any regulations and orders under the Act.

Board membership

The Board was composed of the following members as of March 31, 2024:

1. Matthew Tweedie: Chair, representing the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries
2. Kevin McKendy: Vice Chair, representing the interests of consumers
3. Michael Lavigne: representing the New Brunswick Milk Dealer's Association
4. Marcel Michaud: producer representative
5. Rebekah Nason: producer representative
6. April Sexsmith: nominated by the Minister
7. Luc Morin: nominated by the Minister
8. Victor Somerville: producer representative
9. Robert Speer: representing Dairy Farmers of New Brunswick

Committees and subcommittees

There were no committees or subcommittees during 2023-2024.

Legislation, policies, and by-laws

The Commission is governed by the *Natural Products Act*.

Activities and metrics (KPIs)

- Met 10 times and conducted five virtual meetings.
- Conducted annual reviews of two agencies (Bleuets NB Blueberries, Canneberges NB Cranberries) and all eight commodity boards (Potatoes New Brunswick, Apple Growers of New Brunswick, Chicken Farmers of New Brunswick, Egg Farmers of New Brunswick, Turkey Farmers of New Brunswick, Dairy Farmers of New Brunswick, New Brunswick Cattle Producers, Pork NB Porc).
- Attended the annual and regional meetings of the producer organizations formed under the *Natural Products Act*.
- Attended the national meetings for Canadian Milk Supply Management Committee (CMSMC), Dairy Industry Council, Canadian Dairy Commission Annual Public Meeting, Joint P5 Supervisory Body and Western Milk Pool Coordinating Committee, CMSMC Secretariat, Technical Committee of the P10 Signatories, National Association of Agri-Food Supervisory Agencies, International Association of Milk Control Agencies, Egg Farmers of Canada, Farm Products Council of Canada Meeting, and International Dairy Federation.
- Conducted one appeal in December 2023.
- Reviewed school milk pricing in the province and issued an increase for September 2023.
- Approved seven new orders (2023-03 School Milk Pricing, 2023-04 Wholesale/Retail Pricing Order, 2023-06 Dairy Farmers of New Brunswick Borrowing Order, 2023-08 Wholesale/Retail Pricing Order, 2024-01 Wholesale/Retail Pricing Order, 2024-02 License fees Order, 2024-03 Milk Container Order).

Financial information

COMMISSION STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS APRIL 1, 2023, TO MARCH 31, 2024

Category	Budget	Actual
Personal Services	\$312,300	\$352,512
Other Services	\$462,700	\$132,127
Materials and Supplies	\$1,000	\$1,361
Property and Equipment	\$0	\$1,879
TOTAL	\$776,000	\$487,879

Staffing

The Commission staff as of March 31, 2024:

Jim Mockler: Acting General Manager

Kerrie Hallett: Senior Agriculture Commodities Specialist

Bianca Mclean: Regulations Analyst