

NB Farm Products Commission 2024-2025 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, 2024 to March 31, 2025.

The commission held seven in person meetings and three virtual meetings during the year.

The commission achieved several accomplishments over the past year. Firstly, the commission approved a new milk dealer and transporter in the province. Secondly, the commission continued to monitor the milk quality in the province and increase the number of samples being tested.



Matthew Tweedie, K.C.
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, 2025:

1. Matthew Tweedie, K.C.: 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 2024-2025.

Legislation, policies, and by-laws

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

Activities and metrics (KPIs)

- Met seven times and conducted three 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 P5¹ Supervisory Body and Western Milk Pool Coordinating Committee, CMSMC Secretariat, Technical Committee of the P10² 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.
- Approved four new orders (2024-04 Wholesale/Retail Pricing Order, 2024-05 School Milk Pricing, 2024-06 Board and Agency Records Order, 2024-07 Wholesale/Retail Pricing Order).

Financial information

COMMISSION STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS APRIL 1, 2024, TO MARCH 31, 2025

Category	Budget	Actual
Personal Services	\$322,500	\$365,499
Other Services	\$462,600	\$109,191
Materials and Supplies	\$1,000	\$2,372
Property and Equipment	\$0	\$1,029
TOTAL	\$786,100	\$478,091

Staffing

The Commission staff as of March 31, 2025:

Jim Mockler, K.C.: Acting General Manager

Kerrie Hallett: Senior Agriculture Commodities Specialist

Bianca Mclean: Regulations Analyst

¹P5- New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, and Quebec.

²P10- All ten provinces