

NB Farm Products Commission 2025-2026 Annual Report

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Message from Chair

On behalf of the New Brunswick Farm Products Commission (Commission), it is my pleasure to submit the Annual Report for the period April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026.

The Commission held six in person meetings and three virtual meetings during the year.

Over the past year, the Commission continued to effectively fulfill its mandate. Highlights included the successful hosting of the 89th Annual Meeting and Conference of the International Association of Milk Control Agencies in Fredericton, as well as ongoing oversight of provincial milk quality and an increase in the number of samples 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, 2026:

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 2025-2026.

Legislation, policies, and by-laws

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

Activities and metrics (KPIs)

- Met six 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, Porc NB Pork).
- Attended the annual and regional meetings of the producer organizations formed under the *Natural Products Act*.
- Attended national meetings for the Canadian Milk Supply Management Committee (CMSMC), Canadian Dairy Commission Annual Public Meeting, CMSMC Secretariat, Technical Committee of the ¹P10 Signatories, National Association of Agri-Food Supervisory Agencies, Dairy Innovation Program Selection Committee, International Dairy Federation, Egg Farmers of Canada, and Farm Products Council of Canada Meeting.
- Hosted the 89th Annual Meeting and Conference for the International Association of Milk Control Agencies in Fredericton.
- Approved two new orders (2025-03 Wholesale/Retail Pricing Order and 2025-04 Wholesale/Retail Pricing Order).

Financial information

COMMISSION STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS APRIL 1, 2025, TO MARCH 31, 2026

Category	Budget	Actual
Personal Services	\$328,900	\$307,829
Other Services	\$462,100	\$105,842
Materials and Supplies	\$1,000	\$1,036
Property and Equipment	\$0	\$415
TOTAL	\$792,000	\$415,122

Staffing

The Commission staff as of March 31, 2026:

Jennifer Kennedy: Acting General Manager

Kerrie Hallett: Senior Agriculture Commodities Specialist

Bianca Mclean: Regulations Analyst

Note: Jennifer Kennedy replaced Jim Mockler as Acting General Manager in October 2025.

¹P10- All ten Canadian provinces