

SEPTEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Another hot summer has come and gone, and we have been busy planning upcoming events and working on current projects.

We attended the 2022 Canadian Beef Industry Conference (CBIC) on August 16th-18th in Penticton, British Columbia. The three-day conference featured intriguing presentations and many knowledgeable panel discussions. I can also announce that I will join the Agency as a Primary Producer for Nova Scotia and will continue to Chair the Governance Committee. For more information and resources, please visit www.cdnbeefcheckoff.ca.

We continue to deliver the *On-Farm Cattle Preconditioning Pilot Project*, funded by the Nova Scotia Government and the Beef Cattle Research Council. This project aims to improve cattle herd health in the province by increasing the quantity and quality of vaccinated brood cows and pre-conditioned feeder calves. Specifically, the project focuses on recruiting farms identified through previous projects and programs that do not currently have an on-farm pre-conditioning program. The project also recruits farms that want to enhance their pre-conditioning program by adding specified practices. If you want pre-conditioning services performed on your farm, please visit www.nscattle.ca/preconditioning or contact the NSCP office.

This year we are happy to offer three programs for producers to encourage genetic selection in the industry, as well as improve soil, pasture, and forage management quality. The Female Breeding Stock Funding Draw, which occurred at the Annual Meeting in March, allotted three producers \$750 each towards purchasing a heifer and/or young cow. Additionally, the Nova Scotia Genetic Improvement Program, including elite sire purchases, carcass ultrasounds and genomic testing, awarded 16 producers aid, with the Soil, Pasture and Forage Management Program awarding ten producers financial assistance for soil testing and lime purchases. There is also a Department of Agriculture CAP program open to eligible cattle producers in the province: the Cattle and Sheep Industry Development Program.

The Maritime Beef Test Society (MBTS) will once again offer a test this year, with consignment forms now available on their website at www.maritimebeefeststation.ca, which will be due back in October. We expect the MBTS Annual Meeting to take place in November 2022. Additional information regarding the Annual Meeting will be posted to the website as it becomes available.

There are many Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture CAP Programs available for producers, including the Cattle and Sheep Industry Development Program. This program provides funding for producers to invest in livestock and helps to address tight cash flow when increasing livestock numbers as well as improving industry competitiveness and resilience. For a complete listing of all government programs and to see if you may be eligible, please visit www.novascotia.ca/programs.

A reminder that NSCP has resources relating to transportation regulations available on our website, under the Animal Health section. This includes CFIA resources, as well as a fillable livestock manifest document. We also have manifest books available at our office for a fee of \$10 per book, which includes 50 triplicate copies.

Please ensure you subscribe to our local agriculture podcasts, including Maritime AgCast and Simply Verified Beef. Maritime AgCast can be found at www.anchor.fm/maritime-agcast and the Verified Beef Production Plus podcast, Simply Verified Beef – the Podcast can be found at: www.anchor.fm/simple-verified-beef. You may also stream both of these podcasts on your favourite podcast platforms.

If you have questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact Brad at the office, at office@nscattle.ca or 902-893-7455.

Larry Weatherby

Larry Weatherby, Chair

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The NSCP are seeking nominations for three positions to be elected in 2023 for Zone 3, Zone 6 and Member at Large. The Zone Directors will be elected at their respective Zone meetings. The Member at Large will be elected at the **NSCP Annual General Meeting on March 11, 2022**, with the location to be determined.

The nomination period will be open from November 1st – 30th, 2022, with nominees being announced in the December 2022 NSCP newsletter. Please contact the office for a nomination form.

TEST STATION NOW ACCEPTING BULL APPLICATIONS

Maritime Beef



Testing Society

The Maritime Beef Testing Society (MBTS) is now accepting applications for the 2022-23 winter bull test. We are entering the eighth season using the GrowSafe feeding system to evaluate bull performance. This year's consignment forms have been added to the MBTS website and are due on October 14, 2022. These can be found at www.maritimebeefteststation.ca/consignment.

The MBTS Annual General Meeting will be announced soon. Please stay tuned to the MBTS website, the NSCP website, or social media channels for updates.



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ATLANTIC STOCKYARD LTD - FALL SALE DATES

Tuesday, October 4 (10 AM)

Tuesday, October 18 (10 AM)

Saturday, October 29 (12:00 PM)
Breeding Stock Sale

Tuesday, November 8 (10 AM)

Saturday, November 12
Atlantic Elite Charolais Sale

Tuesday, November 22 (10 AM)

Tuesday, December 6 (10 AM)

Producers are encouraged to pre-register all feeder cattle, which Atlantic Stockyards Limited (ASL) will list on their website.

Vaccinated cattle must be accompanied by a vaccination declaration and a receipt for the vaccine used. Vaccinated cattle will be uniquely identified. All cattle will be sold by order of arrival.

There will be a Breeding Stock Sale on Saturday, October 29, beginning at 12 PM. Additionally, there will be an Atlantic Elite Charolais Sale on November 12.

For more information, visit www.atlanticstockyards.com

UPCOMING SALES

Balamore Farm Shoreline Event

October 10, 2022

Great Village, Nova Scotia

Check out [Facebook](#) for full details!

Atlantic Alliance Production Sale

October 22, 2022

Nappan, Nova Scotia

Check out [Facebook](#) for full details!

NSCP AVAILABLE PROGRAMS

The NSCP have two programs available for producers for 2022:

- **The Nova Scotia Genetic Improvement Program** (*formerly the Elite Sire Program*)
This provides funding for applicable sire purchases, as well as for genomic testing and carcass ultrasound.
- **The Nova Scotia Soil, Pasture & Forage Management Program**
This program provides funding for lime purchases and soil, manure and/or feed analyses.

These programs both have an application deadline of November 30, 2022, and are both one-step process applications. No applications will be reviewed before the application deadline, so there will be no follow-up on missing documents. Applications will only be considered if all necessary information is provided. Application forms, as well as program guidelines, are available at www.nscattle.ca/members/programs. Please call the office prior to submitting if you have any questions.

ON-FARM CATTLE PRECONDITIONING PILOT PROJECT

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Producers will be able to book any combination of available on-farm services through the NSCP office. Our pre-conditioning services include:

- Handling equipment and help
- Tagging
- Age verification
- Vaccination administration
- Castration
- Dehorning
- Weighing

For producers to participate in these on-farm services, they must:

- participate in workshops and training,
- have a valid Veterinary-Client-Patient-Relationship (VCPR),
- participate in the Herd Health Program
- have a valid Premise Identification (PID)
- complete age verification
- be in good standing with the Nova Scotia Cattle Producers

Services will be performed by technician Scott Dixon and his team at the Atlantic Stockyards Ltd. The NSCP office will coordinate farms by geography to reduce costs and travel redundancy. The cost structure for this service will be the same as the carcass ultrasound:

- Flat call fee (TBD)
- Hourly chute service fee – \$35.00
- Travel (\$0.4585/km)

*For this pilot project, only the chute service fee of \$35/hour will be charged to the producer. If you are interested in having preconditioning services performed on your farm, please visit www.nscattle.ca/preconditioning or contact the NSCP office.



LOCAL AGRICULTURE PODCASTS



Brad McCallum, Agri-Commodity Management Association (ACMA), is the host of Maritime AgCast – this podcast is based on discussions of important topics for livestock farmers with local, regional and national guests.

This podcast will air episodes, now monthly, ranging in topics from disease management, forage and pasture management, bull selection and many others!

Please visit www.anchor.fm/maritime-agcast to listen now!

the Verified Beef Production Plus podcast, *Simply Verified Beef – the Podcast*, which just launched July 2021.



This podcast is co-hosted by Maritime Beef Council and New Brunswick VBP+ Coordinator, Amy Higgins and British Columbia VBP+ Coordinator, Bree Patterson, and focuses entirely on beef content.

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CANADIAN BEEF CHECK-OFF AGENCY NEWS RECAP

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR:

The Canadian Beef Check-Off Agency's new chair conveys his excitement to get working!

INVESTMENT BENEFITS:

A new study measures Canadian Beef Check-Off investment benefits.

AGENCY ELECTS NEW MEMBERS:

On August 17, The Canadian Beef Check-Off Agency announced the new Agency Board, following the Annual General Meeting on August 16, 2022.

Full articles can be found at www.cdnbeefcheckoff.ca/news.

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