

OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

A challenging season was unfortunately had by most this past summer, with the weather largely favouring wet conditions. Within the NSCP, we have been busy planning upcoming events and working on current projects.

We attended the 2023 Canadian Beef Industry Conference (CBIC) August 15th-17th in Calgary, Alberta. The conference featured many intriguing presentations and knowledgeable panel discussions. I can also announce that I joined 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 are hosting two upcoming Forage Production and Changing Weather Patterns workshops with Perennia, where Katie Trottier, *Ruminant Livestock Specialist*, and Shane Wood, *Forage Specialist*, will discuss how to strategize your winter feeding plan and look ahead to next year's growing season. These will occur the following dates/times:

- November 1st, 7:00PM: Berwick Fire Hall
- November 2nd, 7:00PM: Wentworth Learning Centre

Please register in advance by emailing coordinator@agricommodity.ca or phoning 902-893-7455.

Additional funding has been received for Elite Sire Purchases! Through the NSDA we have secured additional funding for the purchase of bulls under our Elite Sire Program. Funding will still be available at 30% of the purchase price but now to a maximum of \$1,300 and the \$100 bonus for proof of negative RFI will remain with an overall program maximum of \$5,000. **This funding will be available through the end of the 2024 program year.** Applications received by the June 30th, 2023, deadline will be reevaluated at the new limits and additional payments will be automatically issued. The next application deadline will be November 30th, 2023, please visit www.nscattle.ca/members/programs to apply.

The NSCP Zone Meetings will be held in-person January 8th-10th, 2023. The full schedule will be within the December newsletter.

Perennia are offering a hay and silage listing service to connect Nova Scotia farmers looking to sell excess hay or silage with those needing additional inventory. Sellers can submit an online form to be added to the listing. Buyers can view the online listing on the website to find information about available hay and silage for sale that meets their needs. Please visit the website to submit your form, view the listing and for additional information: www.perennia.ca/hayline

The NSCP are advising producers that if you are buying/have bought grain privately to ensure you get this tested for mycotoxins. For additional information on testing, please contact Perennia at 902-896-0277.

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

If you have any questions, please reach out to the office at 902-893-7455 or office@nscattle.ca.

Larry Weatherby

Larry Weatherby, Chair

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The NSCP are seeking nominations for three positions to be elected in 2024 for Zone 1, Zone 4, and Dealer Director. The Zone Directors will be elected at their respective Zone meetings, with the Dealer Director being elected at the Dealer Meeting. The **NSCP Annual General Meeting will be held on March 2nd, 2024**, with the location to be determined.

The nomination period will be open from November 1st – 30th, 2023, with nominees being announced in the December 2023 NSCP newsletter. Please contact the office for a nomination form.

TEST STATION NOW ACCEPTING BULL APPLICATIONS

The Maritime Beef Testing Society (MBTS) is now accepting applications for the 2023-24 winter bull test. We are entering the ninth season of using the GrowSafe feeding system to evaluate bull performance. This year's consignment forms have been added to the MBTS website and are due back by October 13th, 2023. These can be found at www.maritimebeefeststation.ca/consignment.

The MBTS Annual General Meeting will occur November 29th, 2023, at 6:30PM via Zoom. Please register on the MBTS website. Please stay tuned to the MBTS website, the NSCP website, or social media channels for updates.

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UPCOMING SALES

Atlantic Alliance Production Sale

October 21st, 2023

Nappan, Nova Scotia

Check out Atlantic Alliance Sale of [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/atlanticalliancesale) for full details!



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ATLANTIC STOCKYARD LTD - FALL SALE DATES

Saturday, October 28 (12:00 PM)
Breeding Stock Sale

Tuesday, November 7 (10 AM)

Tuesday, November 21 (10 AM)

Tuesday, December 5 (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.

For more information, visit www.atlanticstockyards.com



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ON-FARM CATTLE PRECONDITIONING

We continue to offer pre-conditioning services to producers through our *On-Farm Cattle Preconditioning*. This project aims to improve cattle herd health in the province by increasing the quantity and quality of vaccinated brood cows and preconditioned feeder calves. Specifically, the project will focus on recruiting farms identified through previous projects which do not currently have an on-farm preconditioning program. The project will also recruit farms that want to enhance their preconditioning program by adding specified practices.

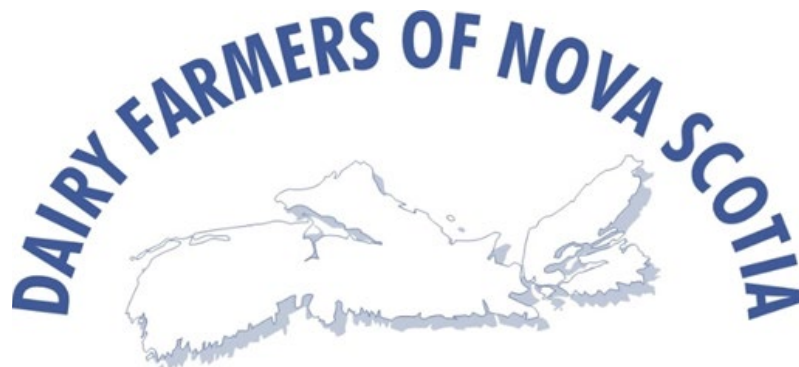
Producers will be able to book any combination of available on-farm services through the NSCP office. Our pre-conditioning services include:

- 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. 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



The Agri-Commodity Management Association (ACMA), hosts Maritime AgCast - an agricultural podcast based on discussions of important topics for livestock farmers with local, regional and national guests.

The podcast episodes will include topics about disease management, forage and pasture management, bull selection, and much more!

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