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2016 FIELD DAY SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2016 Slack Farms, 841 Middle Road, Debert, NS

This year's **WBPANS Field Day** will be held at **Slack Farms, 841 Middle Road, Debert NS, Saturday, July 16**. This will be another great venue for our major summer gathering, which seems to get bigger every year. Joe Slack and his team have been working hard to get the site ready for us, which includes a large new machinery maintenance and general storage building as well as the recently renovated Slack Farms Receiving Shed. There's abundant parking on the site, as well as a large paved apron for our machinery displays and outdoor exhibits. We're very pleased that the students from Dr Percival's and Dr Zaman's DalAC research programs will again be on hand to not only talk about their important work on behalf of our industry, but also to help the day go smoothly.

The Field Day is an excellent chance to meet friends and other producers from around Nova Scotia, as well as visitors from the other provinces and Maine. Robyn McCallum and Cameron Menzies will be there from the newly activated Atlantic Tech Transfer Team for Apiculture. This new extension project is heavily focused on pollination and is funded by GF2 and the wild blueberry and beekeeping associations in the Atlantic region.

The program is going to look a bit different. We will have short updates mid-morning on some association activities, key research news (including spotted wing monitoring), market outlook and upcoming wild blueberry promotional events at home and around the world. Lunch will be provided on site by Taco Stiles, which will include your choice of beef, chicken or pulled pork fresh tacos with salad, wild blueberry dessert and soft drinks. The serving time is extended to avoid the noon lineup and rush of previous years and to give more time to visit the exhibits and meet with friends. Of course, Andy Crossan & Friends will also be there, providing light entertainment.

The Debert area has a high concentration of wild blueberry production within a short distance of Slack Farms and Peter Burgess, our Perennia wild blueberry extension specialist is leading a small committee to set up a very informative field tour in the afternoon. Buses will be provided for the tour by WBPANS and our sponsors and we strongly encourage taking the bus, to avoid parking and congestion problems at the various stops.

See you in Debert, July 16!



2016 FIELD DAY
Saturday, July 16, 2016
Slack Farms
841 Middle Road, Debert, NS

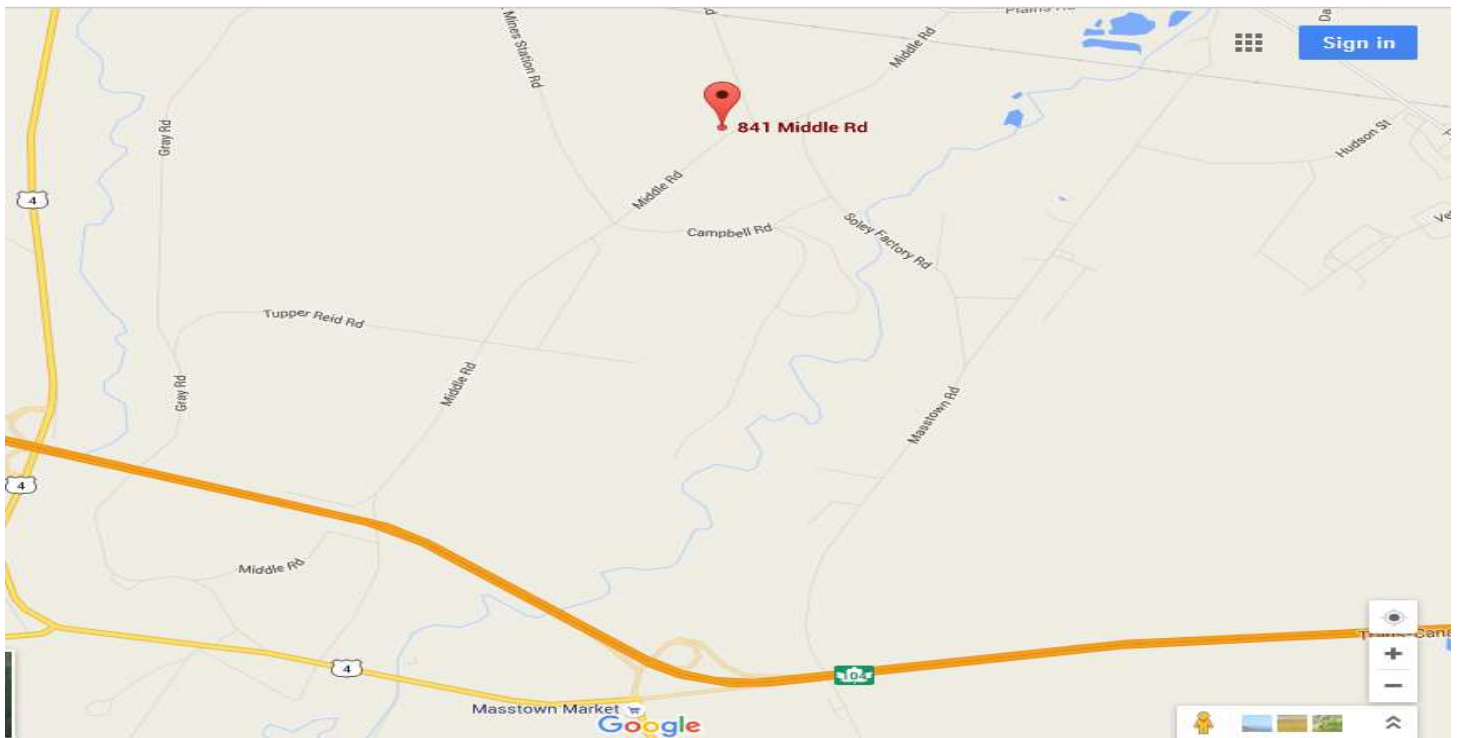
AGENDA

- 9:00 am - 10:00 am **REGISTRATION - \$20 per person (includes lunch)**
- 10:00 am – 1:00 pm **ENTERTAINMENT by *Andy Crossan & Friends***
- 10:30 am **WELCOME:** President, Barron Blois
Spotted Wing Drosophila Update, Dr. Debra Moreau, AAFC
Market Update: Peter Rideout, WBPANS
WBANA –Canada Update – Neri Vautour
- STATION 1 **INSECT IDENTIFICATION & CONTROL CLINIC – Dr. Sonia Gaul, AAFC**
- STATION 2 **SPOTTED WING DROSOPHILA – Dr. Debra Moreau, AAFC**
- STATION 3 **WEED IDENTIFICATION CLINIC - Dr. Scott White, Dalhousie Faculty of Agriculture & Peter Burgess, Perennia**
- STATION 4 **EQUIPMENT & MACHINERY DISPLAY**
- STATION 5 **DISEASES & NUTRITION - Dr. David Percival, Dalhousie Faculty of Agriculture**
- STATION 6 **WBANA-CANADA – Neri Vautour**
- STATION 7 **WILD BLUEBERRY HARVEST FESTIVAL- Alice Pugsley**
- STATION 8 **PRECISION AGRICULTURE TECHNOLOGY – Dr. Qamar Zaman, Dalhousie Faculty of Agric.**
- STATION 9 **ATLANTIC TECHNOLOGY TEAM FOR APICULTURE – Robyn McCallum, Cameron Menzies**
- STATION 10 **NS CROWN LAND PROJECT – Mark Tekamp, NS Dept. of Natural Resources**
- STATION 11 **PROVINCIAL TRANSPORTATION REGULATIONS— NSFA**
- 11:00–1:00pm **LUNCH – Taco Stiles – Your choice of Beef, Chicken or Pulled Pork, Taco with Salad, wild blueberry dessert, soft drinks**
- 1:30 pm **FIELD TOURS—You must get on a bus to participate in the field tour. Due to parking and turning restrictions in the fields, no cars or trucks following buses will be allowed.**

Reminder: Bring your insect, disease & weed samples to the Field Day for identification as well as your pesticide applicators license number to be eligible for pesticide re-certification points.

**THANK YOU TO SLACK FARMS AND ALL OUR FIELD DAY SPONSORS
AND PARTICIPANTS!!**

MAP TO FIELD DAY LOCATION: 841 Middle Road, Debert, NS
(www.maps.google.ca)



Directions to 841 Middle Road, Debert, NS

From Truro:

- Take Highway 104 west to Exit 12, Masstown
- Exit Highway 104 at Exit 12
- Turn right toward Glenholme
- Turn left onto Bulmer Cross Road
- Approximately 1 km in, Bulmer Cross Road becomes Middle Road
- Proceed approximately 3.4 km
- Turn left into Slack Farms (841 Middle Road, Debert, NS)

From Amherst:

- Take Highway 104 to Exit 11, Glenholme Loop
- Exit Highway 104 at exit 11
- Turn right onto Highway 4
- Proceed 2.4 km and turn left onto Bulmer Cross Road
- Approximately 1 km in, Bulmer Cross Road, becomes Middle Road
- Proceed approximately 3.4 km
- Turn left into Slack Farms (841 Middle Road, Debert,)

2016 MEETING DATES

- WBPANS Field Day—Saturday, July 16— Slack Farms, 841 Middle Road, Debert, NS
- Maine Field Day—Wednesday, July 20—Jonesboro, Maine
- Bleuets New Brunswick Blueberries Field Day—Saturday, July 23, location to be determined
- WBANA Symposium—October 20 & 21—Fredericton Convention Centre, Fredericton, NB
- WBPANS Annual Meeting—November 18 & 19—Best Western Glengarry, Truro, NS

Introduction to Wild Blueberry Harvester Course

Farm Safety Nova Scotia and the Wild Blueberry Producers Association of Nova Scotia are pleased to be offering the Introduction to Wild Blueberry Harvester Operation Course this year in a **NEW** format!

The objective of the course is to introduce new and to refresh more experienced harvester operators on safe and efficient wild blueberry harvester operation.

Theory Day – July 11
Collingwood Fire Hall

Practical Days – July 12 & 13
Collingwood

Full course – Maximum 20 participants

Cost \$175/participant

Available to those wishing to attend the theory and a practical day. This will give the attendees time in the seat with an experienced operator. Attendees will be assigned a time to attend the practical and only be expected to attend one of the two practical days. This is designed for newer operators. Attendees must have tractor operation experience. **Limited enrollment (max. 20)**

Theory Day Refresher – Maximum 60 participants

Cost \$75/participant

Available to those wishing to attend only the theory day to gain a refresher on safe operating and best practices for blueberry harvester operation. This is available for more experienced operators.

Deadline for registration is July 4, 2016

The course is supported by Doug Bragg Enterprises and Perennia.



WILD BLUEBERRY HARVESTER COURSE TUITION ASSISTANCE

The Wild Blueberry Producers Association of Nova Scotia is pleased to announce that through the generosity of an anonymous donor, assistance may be available for one harvester training course student, based on financial need. This assistance will be awarded at the discretion of the Committee. For more information please contact the Wild Blueberry Producers Association of Nova Scotia office at 902-662-3306 or email info@nswildblueberries.com, PO Box 119 Debert, NS B0M 1G0.