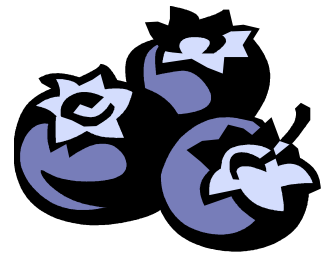




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Wild Blueberry Producers Association of Nova Scotia

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WBPANS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Where – Best Western Glengarry Hotel & Convention Centre & Zoom Conferencing

When – Thursday, November 18th (2:30 pm– 5:00 pm)

Friday, November 18th, (8:30 am - 2:45 pm)

Our AGM this year will be a combined in-person / virtual event. 150 people will be permitted to attend in-person (first come, first served) and you **must pre-register** with WBPANS office. Public Health guidelines will be followed. You may also attend the meetings virtually via Zoom conferencing. **Pre-registration is also required** for anyone joining the meetings via Zoom. We will not be hosting a trade show this year.

Thursday, November 18th from 2:30 pm until 5:00 pm — Annual Business Meeting

Thursday, November 18th from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm - Reception to honour our Recognition Book Inductees. Pre-registration for this reception will also be required.

Friday, November 19th from 8:30 am until 2:45 pm - Technical Sessions with researchers and industry representatives. Pesticide Points will be available to those attending in-person and virtually.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR BOTH IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL ATTENDEES. AS REQUIRED BY PUBLIC HEALTH, PROOF OF FULL VACCINATION WILL BE REQUIRED TO ENTER THE BEST WESTERN GLENGARRY AND YOU MUST REMAIN MASKED UNTIL YOU ARE SEATED IN THE MEETING ROOM.

TO PRE-REGISTER FOR ANY/ALL OF THE AGM SESSIONS, PLEASE CONTACT WBPANS OFFICE AT [902-662-3306](tel:902-662-3306) OR EMAIL: [INFO@NSWILDBLUEBERRIES.COM](mailto:info@nswildblueberries.com)

Please make your own hotel reservations by calling the Best Western Glengarry Hotel & Convention Centre at: 902-893-4311

WBPANS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING—THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18th, 2021
2:30 pm—5:00 pm at the Best Western Glengarry Hotel & Conference Centre & Zoom Conferencing

Anyone wishing to participate in this meeting must contact WBPANS office before 10:00 am on Nov. 15th to register. An email containing the link to the meeting and documents will be sent to those registered. Contact WBPANS Office at: 902-662-3306 or Email: info@nswildblueberries.com

NUTRITION BREAK SPONSORED BY: *TRURO AGROMART LTD. & RBC DOMINION SECURITIES*

Chair: Peter Swinkels, President WBPANS

2:30 pm Call to Order

Minute of Silence

Approval of Agenda

WBPANS President's Report – Peter Swinkels

WBPANS Executive Director Report – Peter Burgess

Report from Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture - Tim Marsh, President NSFA

WBANA-Canada Report— Neri Vautour & John Cameron, WBANA-Canada

Update from NS Farm Loan Board—Neil Pardy

Greetings from Minister of Agriculture—Honourable Greg Morrow (tentative)

Approval of Minutes from Annual Meeting 2020

Financial Statements presented by Laura MacLaughlin, Grant Thornton

2022 Proposed Budget – Presented by Neil Erb, Chair, WBPANS Finance Committee

Appointment of Auditors

Promotion Committee Report – Alice Pugsley, Chair, WBPANS Promotion Committee

Research Committee Report – Peter Burgess

Nominating Committee Report – Peter Burgess

Presentations to Retiring Directors

New Business

Adjournment

6:30 pm—8:30 pm Reception honouring 2021 Recognition Book Inductees (**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED**)

RECEPTION SPONSORED BY: ***BAYER CROPSCIENCE INC., CAVENDISH AGRISCIENCE CANADA***
SERVICES INC., KOPPERT BIOLOGICAL SYSTEMS, CORTEVA AGRISCIENCE CANADA

2021 NOVA SCOTIA WILD BLUEBERRY CONFERENCE

Friday, November 19th, 2021 at Best Western Glengarry Hotel & Convention Centre & Zoom Conferencing

8:00—8:30 am Registration Desk Open & Nutrition Break in Salon DEG Sponsored by:

***NS CROP & LIVESTOCK INSURANCE COMMISSION & NSDA PROGRAMS & BUSINESS RISK
MANAGEMENT &
BELCHIM CROP PROTECTION CANADA***

Chair: Peter Burgess SALON DEG—**Wild Blueberry Production Technical Session**

8:30—8:45 am Welcome—WBPANS

8:45—9:30 am ***2021 Research Program Review***— Dr. David Percival, Dalhousie Faculty of Agriculture

9:30—10:15 am ***Update on Fescue & Other Priority Weeds in Wild Blueberry*** -Dr. Scott White, Janelle MacKeil, Vanessa Devau, Tyler MacLean, Dalhousie Faculty of Agriculture

10:15—10:45 am Nutrition Break Sponsored by ***FARM CREDIT CANADA***

10:45 –11:30 am ***Atlantic Tech Transfer Team for Apiculture Update***—Andrew Byers, Perennia

11:30 am -12:15 pm ***Managing Cash Flow and Debt for Wild Blueberry Growers***—Josh Kelly, FCC

12:15—1:15 pm LUNCH BREAK—On your own

1:15—2:00 pm ***Update on Mechanized Systems & Precision Agriculture Research Activities*** -
Dr. Travis Esau, Dalhousie Faculty of Agriculture

2:00—2:45 pm ***Wild Blueberry Extension Program Reflection & Development***—Hugh Lyu, Perennia



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NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE ANNUAL MEETING

You are invited to the 126th Annual Meeting of the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture!

The Annual General Meeting will be taking place both in-person and online on November 25 and 26, 2021! The AGM will take place at a new location, the Inn on Prince, and there won't be a trade show this year, but we hope to bring it back in 2022.

The agenda for this meeting will look similar to other years with NSFA's business meeting taking place on the first day, including our government speakers. This will be followed by the annual meeting for Nova Scotia Young Farmers and our evening banquet with a guest speaker. The second day will include the wrap up, as well as the annual meeting for Farm Safety Nova Scotia.

A retirement Reception for Henry Vissers will take place on Friday afternoon following the AGM, we hope you can join us!

For more information please go to the NSFA website: <https://nsfa-fane.ca/agm/> or call NSFA office at: **902-893-2293** or email: info@nsfa-fane.ca



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ATLANTIC AGRICULTURAL HALL OF FAME

On October 21, 2021, Jack Sibley was inducted into the Atlantic Agricultural Hall of Fame.

Throughout his professional and personal life, Jack Sibley has generously shared his knowledge and expertise. Born in 1937 in Meagher's Grant, Jack grew up in rural Nova Scotia, and would spend his career contributing to an industry built in rural communities.

Jack's formal education took him to Mt. Allison University for a Bachelor of Arts degree. In 1959, he graduated from the Nova Scotia Agricultural College (NSAC), having earned a diploma in agricultural studies. Jack spent his early working years as an educator, teaching general agriculture at the Carleton Vocational School. He spent his summers with the New Brunswick Department of Agriculture in Extension Services or as a Field Manager with McCain Foods. In 1965, Jack began a 29-year career with the Horticulture and Biology Branch of the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture & Marketing, first as an advisor and then as an extension specialist. It was his work in extension that would shape the modern blueberry industry in Nova Scotia and beyond.

From 1970-1979, Jack was the extension horticulturist responsible for roadside markets and the development of the wild blueberry industry. In 1979 and for the next 15 years, Jack was a Senior Extension Specialist responsible for the development of new government programs and initiatives to develop the lowbush blueberry industry in the province. Jack pushed innovation and industry development on the production side, while working with processors to build overseas markets for wild blueberries. Many of the programs he worked on helped build the industry and expand production. Jack also worked extensively with researchers at NSAC and Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada. Jack's contributions were pivotal in guiding the development of today's blueberry industry. He worked collaboratively with experts in a wide-range of specialties, from optimizing honeybee pollination to modernizing weed control. Jack helped design and administer the land levelling program, and worked with industry pioneers to develop and introduce mechanized harvesters for more efficient harvesting.

Well-known for his communication skills, Jack gave many presentations to growers, and helped establish and teach the blueberry production course at the NSAC. Jack was instrumental in the formation of three organizations: the Wild Blueberry Producers Association of Nova Scotia (WBPANS), the Wild Blueberry Association of North America (WBANA) and the Nova Scotia Wild Blueberry Institute. After his retirement in 1994, Jack stayed connected with the industry, acting as Canadian Assistant Director of WBANA from 1997– 2011. During this time he helped expand markets in Japan and Europe, increasing demand for this fruit crop.

In the community, Jack is known for his fiddling, both as a performer and teacher. He served as President of the Maritime Fiddlers Association and received the Tara Lynne Touesnard Award in recognition of his contributions to the preservation of fiddle music in the Maritimes.

Nominated by WBPANS for his exceptional contributions to the growth and development of the wild blueberry industry, Jack is a worthy inductee into the Atlantic Agricultural Hall of Fame.





Nova Scotia



Cleanfarms 2021 Unwanted Pesticides & Old Livestock/Equine Medications Collection

Nova Scotia – November 1 to 12

Farmers! Got unwanted pesticides or livestock/equine medications?

Safely dispose of unwanted or obsolete agricultural pesticides and livestock/equine medications – **no charge!**

November 1 to 12

Take them to the following locations between **9 a.m. and 4 p.m.**

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Amherst Co-op Country
Store
17 Lawrence St.
902-667-1278

ANTIGONISH

Antigonish Farm &
Garden Co-op
91 Saint Andrews St.
902-863-1436

COLDBROOK

Scotian Gold Co-op Ltd.
7021 Hwy 1
902-679-0788

COLLINGWOOD

Braggs Oxford
99 Bragg Rd.
902-686-3254

HALIFAX

Halifax Seed
5860 Kane St.
902-455-4364

KENTVILLE

Cavendish Agri Services
1205 Hwy 359
902-678-6191

MILFORD STATION

Corridor Co-op
2289 Hwy 2
902-758-2046

SYDNEY

United Farmers Co-op
502 Keltic Dr.
902-564-8134

TRURO

Cavendish Agri Services
38 Wade Rd.
902-893-6950

UPPER ONSLOW, TRURO

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547 Onslow Rd.
902-895-2857

WILMONT

Cavendish Agri Services
14062 Hwy 1
902-825-4878

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