

**Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture  
Annual General Meeting Agenda**

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**Thursday, November 26, 2015**

- 9:00 a.m.        -     Registration & sale of banquet tickets (\$20 per person)  
                              •   Refreshments
- 10:00 a.m.       -     Call to Order – Kimberly Stokdijk, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President
- Invocation – Tim Hennigar, TIPAC Farms
- Business meeting commences
- Declaration of Quorum
- Approval of Agenda
- President’s Address – Chris van den Heuvel
- Minutes of last annual meeting (for adoption)
- Business arising from the minutes
- 10:30 a.m.       -     Auditors Report – PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Appointment of Auditor
- Presentation and Adoption of 2015/16 Budget
- Nominating Committee Report and first call for nominations  
                                      Beth Densmore, Nominating Committee Chair
- Resolutions Committee Report  
                                      Kimberly Stokdijk, Resolutions Committee Chair
- Resolutions
- 12:00 noon       -     Recess for lunch (Agri-Futures Annual Meeting in Salon A)  
                                      Opportunity to visit booths (Sandwiches provided in trade show room)

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- 1:00 p.m.      -    Meeting resumes
- Resolutions
- Presentation of 2016 Policy Paper
- 3:00 p.m.      -    Nutrition Break
- Visit trade show
- 3:30 p.m.      -    Greetings and Comments by NDP Agriculture Critic (tentative)
- Greetings and Comments by PC Party NS, John Lohr, MLA Kings  
                 North and Agriculture Critic
- 4:00 p.m.      -    Update on Communications /Member Benefits / Agricultural Awareness  
                 Maxine MacLean, NSFA Communications and Research Coordinator
- 4:30 p.m.      -    Presentation by Nova Scotia Minister of Agriculture, Honourable Keith  
                 Colwell
- 5:00 p.m.      -    Recess
- 6:30 p.m.      -    Cash bar opens in Banquet Room
- 7:00 p.m.      -    Banquet Dinner
- “Here’s how our changing climate is affecting Canadian  
                 Agriculture,” by Simon Greenough, Winner of the Nova Scotia  
                 Young Speakers for Agriculture Competition
- Presentation – 2015 Environmental Farm Stewardship Award
- Door Prizes
- President’s Reception to follow in MacLeod Room

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**Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

- 8:30 a.m.        -     Early Bird Draw for Door Prizes (must be in room to win)
- Second call for further nominations
- “Economic Outlook for Agriculture Markets”  
                              JP Gervais, Chief Agricultural Economist Farm Credit Canada
- Faith Matchett, VP Operations Atlantic and Eastern Canada
- 10:00 a.m.       -     Nutrition Break
- Visit trade show
- 10:30 a.m.       -     Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture report  
                             Kim MacNeil, Deputy Minister of Agriculture
- Canadian Federation of Agriculture, Ron Bonnett, President
- Presentation on BRM Working Group  
                             Scott Ross, Canadian Federation of Agriculture
- 11:50 a.m.       -     Completion of Election Process
- 12:00 noon       -     Lunch and viewing displays (Lunch provided in Trade show & hallway)
- Note: Hotel check-out time is 12 noon
- 1:00 p.m.        -     Farm Safety NS AGM  
                             (Business meeting, FSNS report and Guest Speaker)
- 2:00 p.m.        -     Systems of Local
- Panel of guests discussing the various systems of local food
- Patricia Bishop, Tap Root Farms, Community Shared  
                                     Agriculture
- Keltie Butler, Farmers Markets of Nova Scotia
- Alicia Lake, Food Hub Cape Breton
- Major Retail too be confirmed
- Unfinished business
- New Business
- Open Mic on Current Issues in Agriculture
- 3:30 p.m.        -     Adjourn