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**National Farmers Union in N. B.**  
**Union nationale des fermiers au N-B**

### NFU in NB's June E-Newsletter

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## 1. Announcements

## Bill C-18 Toolkit

The NFU has prepared a Stop Bill C-18 Toolkit to assist members and others to organize effective opposition to Bill C-18. Please check the toolkit page frequently at [www.nfu.ca/issues/save-our-seed](http://www.nfu.ca/issues/save-our-seed), as new material will be added as it becomes available.



### Adopting UPOV '91 will immediately:

- reduce the freedom and independence of Canadian farmers by making it much more difficult to save and reuse seed forcing them to pay more for seed;
- impinge on the autonomy of independent seed cleaners; transfer millions of dollars every year from farmers to plant breeders' rights (PBR) holders
- consolidate the power and control of world's largest agribusiness corporations over seed, and thus over the Canadian farming and food system.

### As well, if Canada adopts UPOV '91:

- farmers will not be allowed to save, store or clean seed for replanting without the express permission of the PBR holder. UPOV allows governments to adopt an exemption called the farmers' privilege. Bill C-18 includes a partial exemption, but also includes regulatory power that allows government to restrict the farmers privilege in a number of ways. Read Bill C-18 and Farmer's Privilege to learn more.
- companies will have a 'cascading right' allowing them to demand payment of "end-point royalties" on the whole crop – including each cut of hay on forage crops – instead of just on newly purchased seed if or when the company has been unable to collect adequate royalties on seed alone.
- companies will be entitled to royalties for at least 20 years on each variety for which they hold PBRs (up from the current 18 years under Canada's UPOV '78 regime.)
- seed cleaners will require permission from PBR holders to clean seed which, if granted, may be subject to conditions such as payment of fees to the PBR holder.
- mills and processors that buy crops will require assurance that the farmer-seller has paid PBR royalties to avoid the risk of litigation by the PBR holder.
- "farmers privilege" to save a small amount of seed from designated crops may be granted by governments through legislation, but this privilege could be rendered useless because seed companies would be able to restrict seed cleaning and storage.

**You can find lots more information including a video series on UPOV 91 put together by NFU Youth [here](#).**



## Save the date!

NFU's regional meeting will be held in the Carleton Place region on August 12, 2014. Keep in touch to find out the details including the agenda and our dynamic and relevant topics and speakers.



## Position available

The NFU in NB is looking for a new Executive Director. Please contact Barb at [nfuinnb@gmail.com](mailto:nfuinnb@gmail.com) for a job description.

## 2. Opportunities

### David Frost Memorial Scholarships and the National Farmers Union in N.B. Scholarship

The National Farmers Union in New Brunswick is offering three scholarships to NB high school graduates who are entering a program at a recognized Canadian institution. Priority will be given to students enrolling in an agricultural program. The David Frost Memorial Scholarships are for \$1000 toward a degree program and for \$500 toward a two year diploma program. Applicants must be sons or daughters of a registered professional agriculture producer in NB. Applicants for the \$1000 NFU in NB Scholarship must from a family which holds an NFU membership through Service NB. Academic standing, school and community involvement, demonstrated interest in agriculture, and financial need will be taken into consideration.

Funds will be awarded in mid-January, 2015, following successful completion of the first semester of study and commencement of the second semester. Official confirmation of enrollment will be required. Academic standing, school and community involvement, and financial need will be taken into consideration by the selection committee.

The David Frost Memorial scholarships were established by the NFU in NB in 2010 to honour the memory of the David Frost, a respected agrologist who passed away in March 2010.

For more information contact:  
[nfuinnb@gmail.com](mailto:nfuinnb@gmail.com) or (506) 260-0087



### The Conservation Council is relaunching their well known NB local food directory.

With the participation of various organizations including the NFU in NB, the Conservation Council will be updating their list of NB producers and retailers. They are looking for you! If you are a farmer or retailer of locally grown or crafted products, find their forms to fill out by clicking [here](#)



*Reverse side of "Achetez N-B/Buy NB" t-shirt*

### Want NFU in NB gear? :

If you are a proud member or supporter of the NFU in NB and would like to tell the world with a nice t-shirt, hat or farm sign, let us know and we can make arrangements to get them to you as soon as possible.

You can contact us at [nfu.nb.office@gmail.com](mailto:nfu.nb.office@gmail.com)

## 3. In the News



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### NFU in NB present for the launch of GNB's second Buy Local campaign

Bryan Dyck and Shannon Jones of Broadfork Farms are both active members of the National Farmers Union as well as vendors at the Dieppe Market. Bryan represented the NFU for the launch of the 2014 Buy Local campaign and tour. Click [here](#) to see CTV's coverage of the event and to hear Bryan speak of the importance of local food and local markets to the survival of small family farms.

**Check out this interesting infographic in honour of 2014, the United Nations' Year of the Family Farm.**





There are more than  
**570 million farms**  
in the world of which over  
**500 million** are **family owned**



They are responsible  
**for at least 56%**  
of agricultural production



**agricultural**



**forestry**



**fisheries**

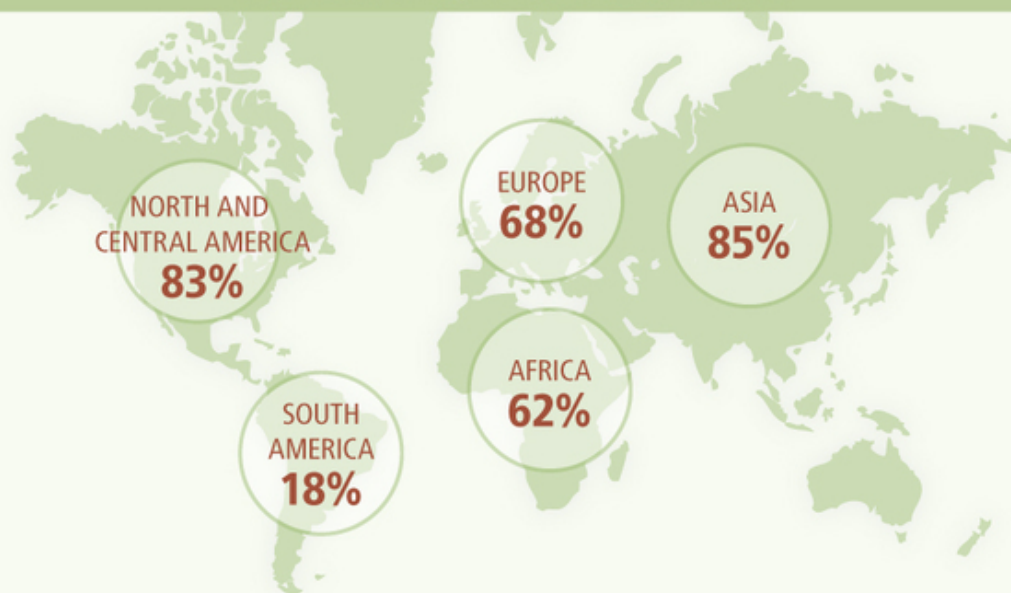


**pastoral  
production**



**aquaculture  
production**

Family farmers work on a significant portion of the world's farmland.



Family farmers manage their lands to sustain remarkably high levels of productivity despite having less access to productive resources such as agricultural inputs and support.



In Brazil, family farmers provide  
on average approximately  
**40% of the production**  
of a selection of major crops  
working on less than  
**25% of the farmland**



Family farmers in Fiji provide  
**84% of yam, rice, manioc,  
maize and bean**  
production working on only  
**47.4% of the farmland**



In the United States, family farmers  
**produce 84%**  
of all produce – totalling USD 230  
billion in sales, working on  
**78% of all farmland**

Family farming preserves traditional food products, while contributing to a balanced diet and safeguarding the world's agro-biodiversity and the sustainable use of natural resources.

**More than 3.5 billion people**  
depend on rice for at least





**20% of their daily calories**

**More than 1 billion people  
depend on rice production  
for their livelihoods**

**Family farms are  
the main source of rice production –  
especially in Asia**



**2014  
International Year of  
Family Farming**

The United Nations declared 2014 as the International Year of Family Farming. FAO, in collaboration with its partners, is facilitating the implementation of the year with the following objectives:



**Support the development of agricultural,  
environmental and social policies  
conducive to sustainable family farming**



**Increase knowledge, communication  
and public awareness**



**Attain better understanding of family farming  
needs, potential and constraints and  
ensure technical support**



**Create synergies for sustainability**

[fao.org/family-farming-2014](http://fao.org/family-farming-2014)



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## NFU Youth are keeping the blog active and introducing themselves

By visiting the NFU blog, you can stay up to date on agricultural issues like Bill C-18, C-24 in British Columbia or the continued struggle of western farmers post Canadian Wheat Board closure. You can also, get to know young and energetic members of the National Farmers Union through the NFU Youth Profiles. Meet people like Lisa Lungard in Peace River, Alberta, Shannon and Bryan from Nova Scotia or Ken Mills from southern Ontario. They are proud, they are intelligent, and they are both funny and inspiring. Find them [here](#).



Photo source: [nfu.ca/blog](http://nfu.ca/blog)

## 4. Upcoming Events

### June 21-22 Orcharding and Herbalism Workshops

Micheal Phillips will be leading workshops for both backyard orchardists and commercial growers while Nancy Philips will lead an all day hands on workshop on medicinal plants. All will be held in Cocagne, NB. Find out more and register [here](#).

### August 18 Beginner Farmer Symposium

ACORN's third annual event will feature a diverse array of workshops, speakers, panel discussions and meet and greet opportunities for new and experienced farmers. A mixer and outdoor, all-organic meal will follow from 6-9pm! Click [here](#) for more information

### September 21 Open Farm Day:

If you would like to participate in Open Farm Day, 2014, on Sunday, September 21. Please contact Barb at 506 246 5583 before June 18 if you are interested in being a farm host. It's a great opportunity for all NB farmers to invite your neighbours to visit your farm and see for themselves all the great stuff you are doing.

Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) coordinators are available to help all farmers to develop their EFPs. If your plan is still on paper, or is more than five years old, it's time to update. Please contact John Russell or Isabelle Kirouac at (506) 452-8101 or email [isabelle@fermenbfarm.ca](mailto:isabelle@fermenbfarm.ca) if you would like to schedule an appointment or receive information about workshops in your area.

We have received the just published NB "Guidelines for the Beneficial Use of Industrial By-Products as Soil Amendments", prepared by the Interdepartmental Committee of Environment and Local Government and Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries" in both English and French. Call Barb at 506 246 5583 or email [nfuinnb@gmail.com](mailto:nfuinnb@gmail.com) to have it emailed to you, in English or in French.

Did you know that you can now recycle: Oil, oil containers of 50 litres or less, oil filters, glycol and glycol containers of 50 litres or less. For details of the program click [here](#)

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