



Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Agriculture

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“Federation of Agriculture Applauds Crown Land Announcement”

The Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Agriculture (NLFA) is applauding the recent announcement by premier Dwight Ball of changes to the Crown land acquisition process and overall availability.

The new process is set to make twice as much Crown land available, with an additional 64,000 hectares becoming available in 62 areas across the province, with 19 of those areas already identified. Perhaps even more importantly, there are plans to make acquiring that land more efficient and streamlined.

“We are pleased to see government has been identifying the needs of industry and wants to work collaboratively,” stated NLFA President Merv Wiseman. “We look forward to working with government to ensure these improvements help more new entrants join our industry and increase our overall food security.”

Agriculture has been identified by the provincial government as a potential growth area with plans to double its size by 2022. We are encouraged to see government lay the groundwork for this to come to fruition.

The Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Agriculture is an organization which represents farmers and farmer groups in the province. Their motto is “Farmers Helping Farmers”, and they believe that by sharing information and speaking with a united voice, farmers can work more effectively for the betterment of the agriculture industry, and for the improvement of the province as a whole.

The agriculture industry provides approximately 6,500 jobs in Newfoundland and Labrador and has primary and value-added production worth approximately \$500 million.

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