



## Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Agriculture

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### **“Federation of Agriculture Hosting Annual General Meeting in Gander”**

The Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Agriculture (NLFA)’s Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held *this week*, on **March 18th, 2011 at the Albatross Hotel in Gander**.

NLFA’s AGM provides an excellent opportunity for farmers, government personnel, guest presenters, and Federation representatives to network.

“The agriculture sector comes together every year, at the Federation’s AGM, to discuss current industry trends and our future opportunities,” said Federation President Eugene Legge. “This year our AGM coincides with Farm Safety Week and this provides a great opportunity to drive home the message that farm safety is important for the well-being of farmers, employees, and also for the farm’s finances.”

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister Responsible for Agrifoods Agency, Steve Kent will also be on hand to sign a proclamation recognizing safety week.

"Plan • Farm • Safety" is the theme of the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association's three-year Canadian Agricultural Safety campaign. While the 2010 campaign promoted "Plan", with an emphasis on planning for safety, this year's campaign will focus on "Farm", with a campaign highlighting implementation, documentation and training during Canadian Agricultural Safety Week (CASW).

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 6,200 jobs in Newfoundland and Labrador and has primary and value-added production worth over \$500 million.

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