



Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Agriculture

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“Federation of Agriculture Applauds Provincial Budget”

The Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Agriculture (NLFA) is pleased with the budget delivered by Finance Minister Tom Marshall on Tuesday.

The investments in the agriculture industry include \$250,000 to begin implementing the new five-year Agriculture and Agrifoods Action Plan, called “Our Farms, Our Food, Our Future”. All of this is focused on getting new entrants into the farming industry, including \$100,000 to assist new entrants with legal land survey costs

Additionally, \$500,000 is being allocated to purchase new equipment for the province’s Animal Health Laboratory in recognition of the importance of food security and food safety.

“These are significant investments in the growing agriculture industry,” said NLFA President Eugene Legge. “This government obviously recognizes the potential of the industry and is willing to invest in it to see more of its potential come to fruition. We like the focus on getting new people into the industry, as this has been highlighted as an area where investment was needed.”

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 6200 jobs in Newfoundland and Labrador and has primary and value-added production worth over \$500 million.

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