



## Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Agriculture

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### **“Federation of Agriculture Elects New President at AGM”**

The Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Agriculture (NLFA)'s 40<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Workshop were held in Gander on February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Hotel Gander. The meetings focused on the theme of work-life balance.

At the AGM local agriculture producers elected Melvin J. Rideout as their president. Rideout operates a dairy and vegetable farm in Cormack and had served as NLFA's Secretary-Treasurer for the past four years.

“I would like to thank everyone for their support and confidence in electing me as President for the next two years,” said NLFA President Melvin Rideout. “I look forward to learning, sharing and growing our industry. I would also like to thank our outgoing president Eugene Legge for all the hard work and dedication he provided throughout his tenure.”

We also held nominations for the positions of Secretary-Treasurer, and one Director-at-Large at our AGM. Terrilynn Robbins, a greenhouse producer in Deer Lake, is our new Secretary-Treasurer and Chris Oram, a vegetable producer in Bishop's Falls, is the new Director-at-Large.

The Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Agriculture's AGM was a great success, with approximately 80 delegates in attendance. The meeting provided an excellent opportunity for farmers, government personnel, guest presenters, and Federation representatives to network.

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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