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The President's Message

By Darlene Sanford

The recent sunny weather was a welcome change from the wet conditions in June. With the silage and hay seasons almost behind us, most directors can again refocus on the issues of beef. Here are some that we are dealing with. The PEICA continues to operate as a commodity group, but is hoping to receive word soon, whether its request to become a commodity board has received Cabinet approval.

With the announcement in the Federal budget of the Spring Cash Advance Program and changes to the CAIS program, there have been several inquiries at the PEICA office. The Cash Advance for Livestock is currently unavailable due to difficulties in establishing guidelines for the livestock insurance component of this program; however, government and industry are working to have something in place for the spring of 2007. Changes to the CAIS program will be implemented sooner. Please read the article in this publication for more information on this topic.

The PEICA will offer the Herd Health Program again this fall. Last year eight producers representing 587 breeding animals participated in the program, ensuring their whole herd was properly vaccinated. Questionnaires were completed and the data is being sorted to help track and measure the short-term benefits of the program. It is hoped that the animals in the program will be tracked to measure the long-term benefits as well.

The PEICA also sponsored two traceability projects this spring. The first was a survey of the use of tags for tracing live cattle in cow/calf and feedlot operations. The second was a mock recall of product at the beef plant. A preliminary recall was done under the original system, and a second recall will be redone using the new traceability equipment this fall.

Several producers participated in a soil test project. While we were unable to obtain a date to hold a workshop this spring, all participants were contacted to review their test results. There are still plans to hold a workshop this fall that will be open to all producers who are interested in learning more about the role soil testing plays in pasture management and understanding how to make use of the results.

With fall just around the corner, training sessions will be set up for Verified Beef Production, formerly referred to as Quality Starts Here.

Representatives of the PEICA currently sit on the Maritime Beef Council (MBC). The MBC is made up of representatives from the provincial beef associations, beef specialists and producers from PEI, NS and NB. Following a Strategic Planning Session held last November, this group has met regularly to work on issues common to producers in all three provinces. A meeting is being scheduled with the three Maritime Ministers of Agriculture to present the priorities identified at the Strategic Planning Session, and to gain support for some of the Councils' initiatives.

Representatives of the PEICA also sit on the Maritime Beef Conference Planning Committee. This is the first year the New Brunswick Beef Conference has been expanded to include the entire Maritime region. This conference is scheduled for October 27, 28 in Moncton. There is a line up of terrific speakers, and two panel discussions as well as a tour and entertainment for this event. Please don't be disappointed and be sure to register early. Space is limited and will be awarded on a first come first serve basis. To register, please contact Duncan Fraser at (506) 856-2277.

I hope you all enjoy the remainder of the summer, and be sure to set aside some time to participate in upcoming events this fall

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Director Biography: Gerry Richard, Vice-President



Gerry with
Prime Minister Harper.

Gerry Richard is currently the Vice-President of the PEI Cattlemen's Association. Gerry operates a cow/calf and feedlot operation in St Nicholas, a small rural community west of Summerside.

Gerry has been a director on the Board of the PEICA for three years. He has represented the PEICA on the PEI Environmental Steering Committee, as well as the PEICA's Cow/Calf Committee. Gerry supports his community through his participation as a director on the Acadian Development Board and the local political association.

Gerry's decision to join the PEICA board of directors was based on his desire to keep on top of issues arising within the beef industry, and to deal with these issues to enable the industry to move forward.

In his spare time, Gerry enjoys skiing, playing cards, traveling and bowling with his spouse Janike, and eight year old son, Kyle.

CAIS Program Update

The Federal Conservative Government announced in the Federal Budget \$900M for the new CAIS Inventory Transition Initiative (CITI). Inventory calculations were calculated under the P2 methodology where inventory was valued as - the change in inventory times the end of year price. The new method is P1-P2 which is beginning inventory times beginning price minus the ending inventory times end of year price.

This method is expected to be more reactive to yearly market fluctuations and should capture some of the 2003 and 2004 losses that would have been pushed forward under the other methodology. The Federal Government have agreed to pick up 100% of the cost of the retroactive payments and the P1-P2 method will be the one used for 2006 onward.

The \$900 million has been budgeted for the re-calculation of 2003, 2004 and 2005 support years and that the money will not be sufficient to pay all claims at 100%. The Federal government has pro-rated the payments to 50% in 2003 and 2004 and will announce the final payment for 2005 once the 2003 and 2004 years have been paid.

Commodities eligible for the re-calculation shall be all livestock & grains and oilseed operations. Horticultural crops will not qualify since all perishable inventory is valued under the program at actual sales prices and this inventory methodology does not apply.

The PEI administration are working on the required changes to computer software to get the payment out in August.

Atlantic Beef Products Update

Over the last month Atlantic Beef Products Inc.(ABP), the beef plant in Albany P.E.I. has been doing a pilot project on cull cows. Bruce Andrews, Purchasing Manger at ABP, has been scheduling cull cows for delivery on Thursdays has said that there has been quite a bit of interest; however, producers have been hesitant because they normally paid on weight alone and are not familiar with being paid on a quality grid. The grid below is based on a D2 grade and a weight of between 550lbs and 650lbs. The producers have an opportunity to make more money from the current market for good cows; however, if the quality of the cow is substandard, discounts will be applied to reflect the value of the carcasses to the plant. Bruce also points out that producers need to be aware of the humane transport of animals regulation and that it is illegal to ship animals that cannot put weight on all four feet.

If you are interested in booking cull cows at ABP or if you have anymore questions please call Bruce at 902-437-2727 ext 224

ABP TENTATIVE PRICE GRID FOR PILOT PROJECT

ABP Weekly Cull Cow Base Price July 24, 2006				\$ 0.73					
Class	Description	Bonus (Discount)	Class Price	<400 lbs	400-449 lbs	450-499 lbs	500-549 lbs	550-649lbs	>650lbs
				\$ (0.25)	\$ (0.15)	\$ (0.10)	\$ (0.05)	\$ -	\$ 0.02
D1	Excellent Muscle	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.80	\$ 0.55	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.70	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.80	\$ 0.82
D2	Med-Ex Muscle WH-Yel Fat	\$ -	\$ 0.73	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.68	\$ 0.73	\$ 0.75
D3	Def Muscle	\$ (0.07)	\$ 0.66	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.61	\$ 0.66	\$ 0.68
D4	Def-Ex Muscle >15mm Fat	\$ (0.15)	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.60

\$20.00 will be deducted for the producers shareholder equity fund

\$50.00 will be charged for a condemned animal to cover some of the rendering charges

All cows must have CCIA numbers written down to be received at the plant

Animals must have no antibiotic residues left in the carcass

Settlements will be mailed 14 days from day of slaughter

2005 Quality Assurance Award

Atlantic Beef Products Inc. (ABP) would like to congratulate their 2005 Quality Assurance Award winners for



outstanding achievement in meeting Brand Specifications. They are from left to right in the photo Duane MacDonald representing MacDonald Brothers Farm, Augustine Cove, P.E.I., John MacKinnon from Kinross, P.E.I., and Larry Pederson from Philarik Acres in Amherst N.S., presenting the awards is Bruce Andrews Purchasing Manager at ABP. The winners had the best percentage of cattle produced that met ABP Brand specifications in each of the three different farm size categories, during the 2005 calendar year

Agriculture Resource Division Beef Quality Improvement Program

PURPOSE:

This is a comprehensive program designed to:

- (a) encourage ultrasound scanning and genetic evaluation of purebred seedstock;
- (b) encourage the use of performance tested herd sires and
- (c) encourage strategic industry development through innovative projects.

ASSISTANCE PROVIDED:

The Prince Edward Island Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Aquaculture will assist producers who participate in one or more of the following parts of the Beef Quality Improvement Program.

1. Seed Stock Testing Assistance

To identify breeding stock which have quality traits that affect the overall eating satisfaction of consumers

Guidelines #1:

- a) Applicants will be eligible for assistance of \$200 for each bull and heifer which meets the following criteria
 1. Animals must be purebred and registered in the name of the applicant.
 2. The maximum number of heifers in each herd that will be eligible for testing will be 20% of the number of mature purebred females (E.g. Herd with 40 females will have 8 eligible heifers per year.)
 3. Each animal is eligible for assistance once in its lifetime.
 4. Eligible animal must have completed an ultrasound test (conducted by a qualified technician) to determine backfat, ribeye area (per 100 pounds of body weight) and intramuscular fat.
 5. Eligible animals must be tested for genetic traits to reasonably identify the animals potential for tenderness and marbling characteristics. (e.g. Igenity™, GeneSTAR, etc)
- b) Seed Stock Testing Assistance will be administered by the PEI Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Aquaculture.

2. Premium Sires

To improve the quality of feeder cattle produced in Prince Edward Island through the use of superior beef bulls as herd sires.

Guidelines #2:

- a) Applicants will be eligible for assistance of \$300 for each bull which meets the following criteria:
 1. A bull is eligible for assistance once only in its lifetime.
 2. Eligible bulls must undergo a breeding soundness exam which includes an external and internal palpation of the sex organs performed by a qualified veterinarian and should include semen testing (taking into consideration the age of the bull). Bulls must pass the breeding soundness exam and be recommended for breeding purposes by the veterinarian. Proof of completion of the breeding soundness exam must accompany the application.
 3. Eligible bulls must be performance tested either on a supervised home test or at a test station. For home test bulls, starting weights must be submitted to the Department within 30 days of the start of the test. Bulls must have a minimum adjusted yearling weight of 900 pounds.
 4. An applicant is eligible for a premium sire incentive per 40 breeding females (or less) every two years.
 5. Registration or calf certificate papers must accompany the application to verify bull identification.
 6. Beef bulls purchased for use in dairy herds shall be eligible.
- b) Applicants will be eligible for assistance of \$400 for each bull which meets the above criteria plus the following:
 1. Eligible bulls must have completed an ultrasound test which includes a report on the backfat, ribeye area and marbling. The percentage intramuscular fat (marbling - Beef QOM) must be greater than 3.5% OR have a minimum ribeye area of 1.0 square inch per 100 pounds of body weight. Proof of completion of the ultrasound test (conducted by a qualified technician) must accompany the application.

- c) Applicants will be eligible for assistance of \$450 for each bull which meets the above criteria plus the following:
 1. Eligible bulls must have a genetic test to determine its predisposition for tenderness and marbling characteristics. (e.g. Igenity™, GeneSTAR, etc). Proof of completion of the genetics tests must accompany the application.
- d) Premium Sires assistance will be administered by the PEI Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Aquaculture.

3. Weaning Weight Data Service

The Department will no longer provide a weaning weight service, however, weaning weight data submitted will be analyzed by ranking adjusted weaning weights. This information can then be used by the producer in animal selection decisions.

Guidelines #3:

- a) The calves must be scheduled for weighing between 150 and 300 days of age.
- b) Data should include dam id, breed and age; sire id and breed; calf id, birthdate, sex and weaning weight.

4. Industry Development Projects

To improve the sustainability of the beef industry through implementation of development projects.

Guidelines #4:

- a) Action items identified in the beef industry strategic plan will be eligible for funding, and
- b) Applicants will be eligible for assistance on projects which meet the following criteria:
 1. Projects must indicate how the proposed activities will improve the sustainability of beef production within the province and meet one or more of the following goals:
 - i) Provide stability to the beef Brand
 - ii) Encourage growth of the industry
 2. Preference will be given to those projects which are innovative, well planned and address one or more of the following industry issues: improve producer enrollment in the branded beef program, increase the number of cattle finished that meet the brand requirements, increase the number of cattle retained and finished on PEI, increase cow numbers.
 3. Provide detailed information on the proposed activities to be undertaken and their impact on the environment.
 4. Individual applicants must have completed an Environmental Farm Plan
 5. Detail funding arrangements by the various parties associated with the project.
 6. Indicate dates by which progress and final reports will be submitted and how the project results will be released to industry.
- c) Industry development projects will be administered on a fee for service basis by the PEI Cattlemen's Association.
- d) The Cattlemen's Association will select projects from applications submitted and send to the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Aquaculture for final approval.

Additional information may be obtained from:

Beef Development Officer,
Agriculture Resource Division
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Aquaculture
PO Box 1600, Charlottetown, PEI C1A 7N3
Phone: 1-866-734-3276 or 368-4145

TERMINATION:

1. This program may be amended or discontinued at any time at the discretion of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Aquaculture for Prince Edward Island.
2. This program will terminate on March 31, 2009, unless renewed by the Minister, Prince Edward Island Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Aquaculture on or before that date.

BIC Ensuring Beef Still Number One Choice on the Grill

Canadians are barbecuing more often – up 35% in four years and beef tops the menu¹. In a recent consumer survey commissioned by the Beef Information Centre, 74% of consumers said beef was the number one food they think of when cooking on the barbeque.²

In time for the grilling season, the Beef Information Center has developed a consumer promotion program encouraging consumers to grill beef often and teaching them on how to do it right. The program has been sent to retailers across the country. Consumers love to barbeque – but too often they don't know how to prepare or are unwilling to try different cuts.

As part of this promotion program, the resource **Great Canadian Grilling** encourages Canadians to explore their grilling options – including those cuts from the hip and chuck portion of the carcass. The barbeque season drives sales of ground beef and steaks, but sales for roasts from the hip cuts declines in the summer. Cuts featured in the resource include: Beef Rotisserie roasts, medallions; marinating and grilling steaks; and ground beef. The Beef Information Centre has been instrumental in creating and promoting the newer cuts – rotisserie roasts and medallions - with retailers and consumers.

Beef Rotisserie Roasts primarily use the underutilized round. They are boneless, uniform in shape for even cooking, and come tied or netted. They range in size from 2 to 15 pounds.

“With Beef Rotisserie Roasts more readily available, barbecued roast beef is an easy-to-prepare crowd-pleaser that consumers should try,” says Marg Thibeault, a home economist with the Beef Information Centre. “These roasts can be cooked using a rotisserie attachment, or on the grill using indirect heat, by placing the roast directly on the rack over a drip pan to one side of the barbecue and turning the heat off directly under the roast.”

Medallions – both grilling and marinating - offer consumers a thicker steak to achieve a range of doneness without jeopardizing juiciness or flavour. They offer a nicely portioned single serving size.

BIC has also sent press release kits to English and French food media across the country featuring **Canadian Grilling**. The consumer promotion program is also supported by an on-line consumer sweepstakes “Beef Bucks” with a grand prize of \$2,500 for one year's worth of beef. BIC has also partnered with HP Sauce and Lea & Perrins to promote BIC's grilling recipes and sweepstake on the neck tags of these products and on tear sheet pads at the meat case.

BIC also participated in a Transcontinental Publishing program resulting in a 12-page multi-branded consumer booklet, **Sizzlin' Summer BBQ** featuring 4 beef recipes. The booklet will be in stores across the country and distributed through the June issue of **Homemakers/Madame** magazines with a readership of 2.5 million. The popular grilling resource **Burger Basics and More** has been reprinted and is an integral part of this summer's program with everything consumers need to know about how to mix, grill and dress a truly top-notch backyard burger made with Canadian Ground Beef.

These are just some of the ways BIC continues to encourage to eat Canadian beef more often utilizing the entire carcass.

1. Research sourced from National Eating Trends (NET) produced by NPD Group.
2. Synovate e-Nation Online Omnibus. An internet survey of 1010 Canadians completed in March 2006.

Maritime Beef Conference

Value Recovery and Profit in Maritime Beef Production

Crowne Plaza, Moncton, NB

October 27th & 28th, 2006

Keynote speaker: **Anne Anderson**, Austin, Texas.

With her extensive background in the beef industry, she is known around the world for her expertise in livestock and agrifoods business and marketing. Anderson co-founded two of the most recognized organizations in the beef industry. *Rancher's Renaissance, a vertical cooperative of major ranchers, stockers, feeders, and a big-three packer; and *Technology provider - AgInfoLink.

Featuring:

Pre-conference Tour

NS Farm and Current trials at Nappan

Cattlemen's College[®]

sponsored by Pfizer Animal Health,
with **Steven Cook**, Manitoba Beef Producer

ABP Update

Al Mussel, George Morris Centre
Production/Business Models

Niche and Direct Marketing Panels
with Maritime Beef Producers

Tips to lower costs and increase profit

Duane McCartney - Lacombe Alberta

Research News

Impacts of Management on Carcass Quality and Profitability

Recent work and reviews by Drs. Berger and Faulkner at University of Illinois looked at the effects of nutritional status of feeders entering the feedlot on performance and carcass value. As marketing programs move towards pricing of individual animals on carcass value (retail yield) identifying strategies which improve yield will become increasingly important.

One area of research focused on the maintenance energy requirement of cattle which is the portion of feed energy required to keep the animal alive. Under typical feedlot conditions an animal will use about 40% of feed energy to service visceral organs and do repair work to tissues. Heavier and larger organs require a higher proportion of feed energy service them.

Summarizing a number of trials: feeders were backgrounded on a high or low plane of nutrition after weaning and then finished under normal feedlot conditions. Animals on the high plane of nutrition had heavier carcasses, higher daily gains and greater feed efficiency. Interestingly, cattle backgrounded on a high plane of nutrition had lower liver and gastrointestinal tract weights which allowed more energy to be used for gain. Poorly backgrounded calves bulked up the visceral organs requiring 15-25% more feed energy to function and this was compounded in the finishing phase with lower feed efficiency and daily gains. The bottom line is that a 600 lb feeder takes about **\$80** more feed for the same gain. Weaned calves, especially if they are pulled early are very efficient gainers and this brings to my attention the results of the first potato waste feeding trial at Nappan where calves were backgrounded on a high plane of nutrition and then finished. **Daily gains during the finishing phase were in the order of 4.25 - 4.5 lb/d. What a difference to your cost of production!**

The effects of **background** nutrition on grade were even more striking with higher marbling scores, lower back fat and consequently higher lean meat yield. It appears that the end products of a grain fermentation in the rumen promote marbling sites while limiting back fat development. In the feedlot environment the marbling sites increase in size leading to a higher percentage of AAA grades while maintaining high lean yield and carcass value. If you would like to discuss more on this topic give Les Halliday a call at 569-7639

The Canadian Radio Frequency Identification (CRFID) Reader Program

The Canadian Radio Frequency Identification (CRFID) Reader Program is funded by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC). The objective of the CRFID Reader Program is to accelerate the development of a comprehensive livestock tracking and tracing system in support of traceability initiatives.

An individual, organization, business or facility beyond the farm gate are eligible to apply for the purposes of reporting Cattle RFID Tag information. Eligible applicants include:

- Slaughter and processing plants**
- Sales Barns/Stockyards/Auction Markets**
- Veterinarians**
- Veterinarian Schools and Universities**
- Pathology Labs (private)**
- Mobile Butchers**
- Dead Stock Operators**
- Commercial Livestock Truckers ***
- Commercial Feedlots ***
- Grazing Co-operatives/Community Pastures ***

All applicants are eligible for more than one reader. Costs associated with the installation of panel readers and the associated hardware and software such as traceability data sorting software and traceability data sorting terminals are eligible expenses under the \$3000 cap. Costs associated with handheld readers and the associated hardware and software such as traceability data sorting software and traceability data sorting terminals are eligible expenses under the \$1000 cap. or information specific to the RFID readers, buyers can refer to Reader Product specifications on the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency (CCIA) website at www.canadaid.ca or contact CCIA at 1-877-909-2333 Updated application forms will be posted shortly on the Agriculture Canada website at www.agr.gc.ca. If you have any questions please contact the CRFID program delivery team at: 1 800 667-8567. **The program commenced 1 April 2005 and all applications must be post marked on or before 31 December 2007.**

Hiring Workers

Agriculture Employment Officers can assist farmers to find individuals to work with their farm operation. Officers have developed a database of farm workers actively seeking employment in the agriculture sector.

Contacts	Kings County	838-1900
	Queens Counts	892-2591
	Price County	436-1826

View our employment opportunities online at www.peiagsc.ca

PEI Federation of Agriculture Farm Health and Safety Program Farmer Attempts Hazard Identification and Risk Management

by Marilyn Affleck

Prince Edward Island farmers will be brought under the Occupational Health and Safety Act by the end of the year. In preparation some farmers are tackling the important hazard control system (HCS) task of identifying hazards and risks, evaluating them, and then taking specific steps to manage the risks, and/or eliminate the hazards.

Hazard identification and risk management

To make your farm operation safer, you need to know what could cause injury or damage, how likely it is to happen, and how serious the result could be. The official terminology is “hazard identification” and “risk management.” Let’s start with some definitions.

A hazard is a condition with the potential of causing loss or injury.

A risk is the chance of a loss or injury, measured in terms of severity and probability.

For example, a farmer operates a farm, full time, with his wife who assists with the farm work. They have never taken first aid training. The farmer purchased a new baler and this would be the first time he will use it. As he approached his tractor he noticed that he had a flat tire on the tractor. He immediately started to repair the tire. When he finished he didn’t think to replace the ballast material that had been lost during the repair. When he hitched the new baler, he noticed how much heavier it was than the old square baler that he was used to. He thought he would have to make a change to a larger tractor in the future. However, he thought, this one would do for now, it had always done the job in the past.

The farmer baled into the evening without any breaks. He continued to bale even though the dew had started to settle.

Finally the farmer decided to quit for the day and with a half made bale he crossed the field and made his way up the long sloped approach to the yard. It was starting to get dark and he fought to keep his eyes open. He was half way up the sloped roadway, and had just rounded a sharp corner, when the rear wheels on the tractor began to spin-out. He applied the brakes, and shifted to a lower gear and tried again to go forward. Unable to make progress, he slipped the tractor into reverse and decided to back down the hill. Just as he rounded the corner in reverse, the baler jackknifed. The baler rolled back steadily toward the embankment, on the side of the road, pulling the tractor backwards with it. The baler went over the embankment and dragged the tractor back, over and down the bank. The baler swung to one side, one of the baler’s tires lodged against a large rock causing the tractor to come around and flop on its side. The farmer was pinned beneath the tractor. He called for help but no one heard.

His wife became concerned she had not heard from her husband all day and was aware it was quickly getting dark. She found her husband unconscious, pinned and bleeding. She was unsure what to do but she knew she had to go call for help. She drove quickly up to the house, and called 911. Distraught and upset she had difficulty providing meaningful directions to the dispatcher. When she returned, her husband felt cold and was lifeless. The emergency responders were able to extricate the farmer from under the tractor however, attempts to revive him failed.

Your goal is to pro-actively identify the hazards in your operation, determine what risks are associated with these hazards and what the level of risk is for each scenario. Then you try to apply rules, or design operating procedures that will reduce or eliminate the risks. This is known as a Corrective Action Plan (CAP). In rare cases, you may decide that the risk is too great and that the best choice is to avoid the hazard by not engaging in a particular activity.

This process of identifying the hazard, determining the risks and developing options for reducing the risk is the ***Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment*** process. You will need to document this process and the resulting operating procedures. Refer to the ***Prince Edward Island Farm Safety Code of Practice*** to help design a process that works for you.

For further information, please contact Marilyn Affleck, PEI Federation of Agriculture’s Farm Health and Safety Program, 420 University Avenue, Charlottetown, PEI, C1A 7Z5 Telephone (902) 368 7289 E-mail marilyna@peifa.ca.

Upcoming Events Calendar



Agrifest 2006

August 10 -13, 2006
Canning NS
902 678-7722
www.agrifest.com

Farmers Helping Farmers BBQ

August 12, 2006
Harrington Research Farm
Contact: Noreen Shaw 672-2216
n.shaw@pei.sympatico.ca

Old Home Week

August 11 - 19, 2006
Charlottetown, PEI
Contact: Rayanne Nelson 629-6623
www.peiprovincialexhibition.com

Maritime Simmental Classic

August 24/25
Truro, NS
Contact: Robert Godfrey 566-3613
mr_robgodfrey@hotmail.com

NB Beef Expo

September 23/24
Sussex NB
Contact: Duncan Fraser (506) 856-2277
Duncan.fraser@gnb.ca

Eastern Fall Classic - Sale

Maritime Beef Cattle Test Station
October 15, 2006 11:00 am
Nappan
Contact: Bernadette 667-2855

Angus in Action Sale

October 21, 2006
Nappan
Contact: Hilda Colodey 675-3171

Maritime Simmental Classic Sale 2006

October 28, 2006
Pleasant Valley
Contact: Shelley Ployer 583-2015

Maritime Beef Conference

See page 5
Crowne Plaza, Moncton, NB
October 27th & 28th, 2006
Contact: Rinnie Bradley 368-2229 or
Les Halliday 569-7639

Pasture Grazing

Jim Stone will be delivering a "Grazing Mentorship Training" workshop in Nova Scotia on August 22-23 on behalf of the CCA. The hands-on workshop will take place on the farm of John Duynesveld. If you are interested in participating please contact Les Halliday at 569-7639. Farmers will be eligible for a per diem with travel and accommodation covered by the program.

PEI Herd Health Program

The pilot program was successful and we are currently applying for funds to run the program for a further 2 years. The PEICA have approved startup funds from the Industry Development Projects. Producers who are interested in participating in this program for 2006/07 are asked to contact Rinnie at 368-2229 or Les at 569-7639.

Contact Information

P.E.I. Cattlemen's Association	cattlemen@eastlink.ca	(902) 368-2229
Beef Cattle Info Zone	www.cattle.ca	
Maritime Cattle Market Report.	www.gov.ns.ca/nsaf/marketing/wmreport/feeder.htm	
Canfax Boxed Beef Report	http://www.canfax.ca	
OCA Daily Market Report	http://cattle.guelph.on.ca/markets/railreport.html	
Alberta Daily Market Report	http://www.albertabeef.org	
CFIA (transportation emergencies)	www.inspection.gc.ca	OR 1-877-814-2342