

# Wild Blueberry Producers Enjoy Field Day Prior to Season Opening

By Linda Harrington

The Annual Wild Blueberry Producers Association of Nova Scotia (WBPANS) Field Day was held on July 19th at Sargent's Receiving Shed in Parrsboro. Expert researchers and extension specialists were on hand to discuss production, pest management and weed control questions. Several machinery exhibitors displayed the latest in equipment and technology.

Jean-Marc Savoie, Technical Advisor for JR Tardif, was busy discussing his company's newest flail mower with producers. "This 54 inch mower will cut 1/4 inch from the ground, uniform across the field," said Savoie, as he discussed the benefits with Ruth de Molitor, of Yarmouth and noted the company's dedication to customer service. "We follow our equipment and in years to come if the needs of the producer change, we will work with them to find a solution."

Jeff Robinson, distributor for several lines of equipment to his Nova Scotia dealer, Pictou County Berry Limited, was demonstrating two har-



It was a gorgeous day to enjoy a chicken BBQ lunch.

vesters made by Equipment DH, a self-propelled walk behind harvester and a 54", 25 HP, zero turn diesel harvester which can harvest over 6000lbs/day and has a mower deck and snow blower attachment possibilities. Also of interest, was a 4 head Red Dragon Blueberry Burner that uses liquid propane technology, manufactured by Flame Engineering and sold by

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This big fella received lots of attention!



Art Sargent (center) hosted the 2014 Field Day at his receiving shed in Parrsboro.



Marc Doucette demonstrates Acadian Machine Works walk behind, self propelled blueberry harvester.



Allan Cox displays the beautifully painted table which will be raffled off for the Wild Blueberry Harvest Festival.

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**The Wild Blueberry Harvest Festival** is being held August 15th to 30th from Amherst to Truro, Parrsboro to Tatamagouche and Kempt Shore to Oxford. Enjoy a huge schedule of events including live music, community picnics, teas, suppers and pancake breakfasts, farmers markets, pie eating and baking contests, quilt fairs, exhibitions, children's activities, U-Picks, processing tours, blueberry wine fest, beer garden, kitchen parties and more! Find more info at <http://www.wildblueberryfest.com>.

**The WILD BLUEBERRY JAM Festival Kick-Off** will be Friday, August 15th at the Marigold Center, Truro with a free outdoor concert featuring J.P. Cormier LIVE on the roof of the Marigold Centre. There will be 3 \$100 downtown Truro shopping sprees given away, a celebrity pie eating contest, Paws 4 Fun dog agility demo, a kid's corner, wild blueberry crisp, smoothies, fresh berries for sale, and more!

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## "NEW" JR Tardif's TF-1354LF Flail Mower



Shown above: JR Tardif's Technical Advisor, Jean-Marc Savoie and Technician, Marco Langlais discuss the TF-1354LF flail mower with wild blueberry producer, Ruth de Molitor.

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