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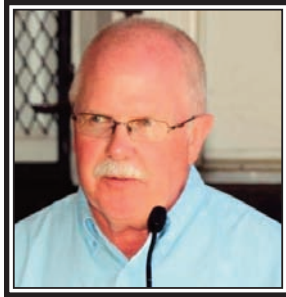


Tony MacDonald, of TG Mac Sales, displays a tooth from a mulcher. They all sizes of mulcher and grinder equipment to help make cleaner fields.

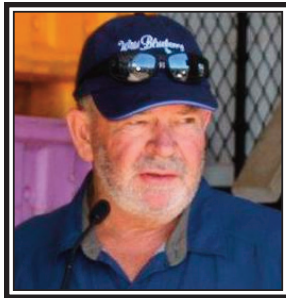


Wayne Reid was pleased to discuss how the Matrcie 600 Pro Drone could be used for mapping wild blueberry fields.

Speakers during the Wild Blueberry Field Day at Art Sargent's Receiving Shed.



WBPANS Executive Director, Peter Rideout expects the total 2018 crop to be around 200 million pounds, due to negative factors such as the spring frost. This is almost half of the massive 2016 wild blueberry harvest in Maine, Quebec, and the three Maritime provinces which totalled 403.5 million pounds. Last year's harvest totalled 261 million pounds.



WBPANS President Barron Blois welcomed everyone to the 2018 Field Day and provided an update on the Board's activities assisting producers since the recent frost damage.



Bernie Watts, of Koppert Bees had SWD Traps on hand as well as order forms for bumblebee quads.



Lori Kittilsen, Director of Programs, NSDA provided an update on some of the supports they are working on and the next steps, including a request that all wild blueberry producers complete a brief Damage Assessment Questionnaire. Having a clear estimate of crop damage is critical to going forward with an Agri Recovery request to the federal government.



Peggy Crawford, of Acadia University, was reaching out to researchers and growers to let them know what the University has to offer from labs and research teams to product development facilities and business expertise.



Dr. David Yarborough, Wild Blueberry Specialist University of Maine told those present Maine had also been hit hard by what he calls a "freeze" not "frost".



David Atkinson, a WBPANS representative at the Canadian Young Farmer's conference urged anyone in the 18-39 age group to put their name forward to represent the industry.



Robert McLean, PEI Wild Blueberry Growers Association, says there was variable frost damage across the Island.



John Schenkels, chairperson at Bleuets NB Blueberries doesn't expect as much frost damage in some parts of NB because the berries were not in bloom, but in the south there is potentially an 80% loss.



Acadian Machine Works had several pieces of equipment on display including a cleaning line and a walk behind harvester.

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