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Nova Scotia Wild Blueberry production INCREASED 42% IN 2012



Wild Blueberry Producers Association of Nova Scotia President Peter Van Dyk opens the 2012 Annual Meeting.

By Linda Harrington

Peter Van Dyk, President of the Wild Blueberry Producers Association of Nova Scotia (WBPANS), welcomed everyone to the 2012 Annual Meeting and introduced MP Scott Armstrong, who had an exciting announcement for the wild blueberry industry.

The MP for Colchester Cumberland Musquodoboit

Valley was representing Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz, when he announced \$700,000 in funding for the Canadian Branch of the Wild Blueberry Association of North America (WBANA).

The WBPANS held their annual meeting Nov. 16th and 17th at the Best Western Glengarry, Truro. Over the two days, guest speakers covered a variety of topics including market reports, government programs, production management solutions and committee reports.

Dr. David Yarborough, University of Maine, presented an over view of 2011 World Blueberry Acreage along with a report on 2012 Wild Blueberry Maine Production.

The 2011 combined high bush and wild blueberry production was over a billion pounds, with North America by far the largest market at about 818 million pounds.

The total harvest in Nova Scotia is expected to be in the range of 40 million pounds this year, up from 28 million in 2011.

Peter Burgess, Perennia, discussed crop challenges for 2012 including some frost damage at the end of April and May, problems with insects and fulfilling the demand for increasing numbers of bee hives. He said

about 4000 hives were brought into NS from Ontario on a pilot project this year (the border had been restricted).

Sustainability Committee has been working on a web-based document outlining Best Management Practices in NS. This will be a welcome resource for growers and industry representa-

Peter Rideout, Senior Planning and Development Officer, Nova Scotia Dept. Agriculture, said the current demand for wild blueberries continues to be strong around the world but stressing the importance of maintaining existing markets while investigating the potential for new markets in other countries. There were 250 million pounds of wild blueberries across the induscontinued on page 16

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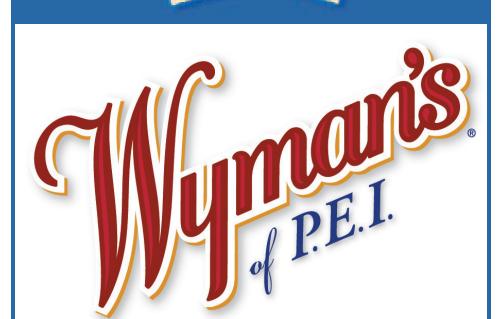
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