

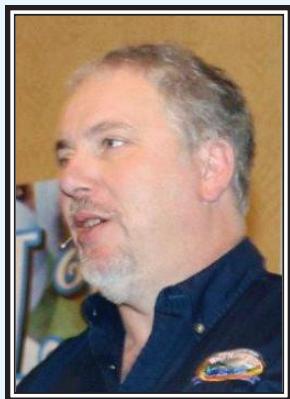
Wild Blueberry Association of Nova Scotia 2019 Annual Meeting

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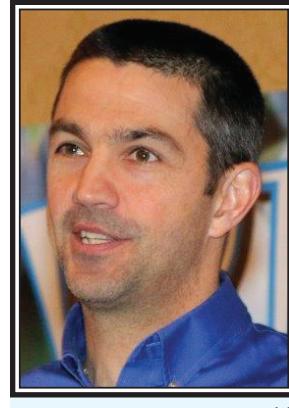
Blueberries used in 3000 New Products; 200 Pet Food and 700 Beauty Products

By Linda Harrington

There was more of an optimistic atmosphere at the 2019 Wild Blueberry Producers of Nova Scotia AGM than there was this time last year, after the industry had suffered a devastating frost event and a few years of low prices for their crop. WBPANS President Barron Blois opened the meeting reflecting on the better crop year but noting the price is still not where producers would like it. He hopes with the Board's new strategy, this will improve over time.



Barron Blois, WBPANS President.



Peter Burgess, Perennia Wild Blueberry Crop Specialist.

Peter Burgess, Perennia Wild Blueberry Crop Specialist, says the 2019 crop year turned out better than expected considering the significant winter damage in most fields due to a lack of snow cover. The unusual cold spring resulted in delayed plant development of 1-2 weeks, which carried over into a late bloom and a delayed harvest. "We were still seeing green fruit into the first week of September," says Peter. "The crop just never caught up after the delayed start." Despite this, yields were higher than expected with



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JR Tardif, a leader in flail mower technology designed for blueberry fields in the Maritimes, had samples of machinery on display at the annual Wild Blueberry Producers of Nova Scotia (WBPANS) 2015 Field Day.

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Wild Blueberry Association of Nova Scotia



Everyone enjoyed the wild blueberry themed meals at the 2019 NS Wild Blueberry Conference.



Jeff Orr makes a presentation to retiring Director Art Sargent.



Fundy Drinks, one of the 2018 winners in the Wild Blueberry Solutions Challenge, developed a wild blueberry sparkling water drink under their VIVEAU brand resulting in a blend of Nova Scotia wild blueberries and lightly carbonated mineral water. The Wild Blueberry Solutions Challenge encourages continuous development of value-added blueberry products. The second winner was Jus Nova Agriculture Ltd., Jus Nova is developing a wild blueberry smoothie featuring plant-based protein.



Additional 2019 Conference Guest Speakers



A Wild Blueberry Sampling and Product Showcase took place at the end of day one of the Wild Blueberry Conference. Heather Boyd is sampling some of Van Dyk's new products.



Emrys and Everett Pyne were sure enjoying their wild blueberries. Their mom says the boys can't get enough of the tasty berries.



Some of the new value-added wild blueberry products were on display.

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