

DFNS Recognizes Excellence in their Industry

By Linda Harrington

Dairy Farmers of Nova Scotia (DFNS) held its 13th Annual Banquet and Awards Night on January 15th at the Best Western Glengarry, in Truro, with 190 people in attendance.

Nova Scotia Minister of Agriculture, the Honourable Keith Colwell, was guest speaker. The Minister congratulated dairy producers on their success and assured them he was a strong supporter of Supply Management. He said he looks forward to working with the industry to further its growth.

DFNS presents Excellence

Awards to milestone winners each year. Producers must have a bacteria count less than 20,000/ml for 11 of the 12 months, a somatic cell count average of less than or equal to 200,000/ml for the dairy year, a farm inspection score from the NSDA of 94 or higher, an appearance score of 5 or higher, no freezing point or antibiotic infraction during the dairy year, and be registered with the CQM Program.

The Excellence Award Milestone winners for the year ended July 31, 2013, were: 5 Years- Ben J. Harbers &

Sons Farm Ltd., Charles Hill & Son Limited, Bernard J. Gerrits, James H. Lamb Farms Ltd., Sunny Point Farms Ltd., Havey M. Whidden; 15 Years- Lone Willow Farm Inc.

DFNS thanked retiring Directors, Anne Crowe and Doug Bacon, for their service to the industry through time spent on the DFNS Board.

Dave Davies was presented with an Honorary DFNS Membership for outstanding, significant, and unique contribution to the NS dairy industry over an extended period of time. He was recognized for his leadership and keen interest in the dairy industry

and supply management, for many years, and in many capacities.



Alan Porter, Belcher Holsteins Ltd., and Allan MacMillan, Charles Hill & Son Ltd., looked over Canadian Milk publications during a break in the DFNS Annual Meeting.



NS Agriculture Minister Keith Colwell presents James and Dianne Cook, of Lone Willow Farm Inc, with a 15 Year Excellence Award.



NS Agriculture Minister Keith Colwell presents Havey & Christine Whidden with a 5 Year Excellence Award.



NS Agriculture Minister Keith Colwell presents Tim & Susan Lamb, of James H. Lamb Farm Ltd., with a 5 Year Excellence Award.



Claire Norman, of Morneau Shepell, presented an update on the producers' health plan. An initiative was undertaken to promote a broader plan to obtain as competitive premium rates as possible.



Dairy Farmers of Canada President Wally Smith encouraged local dairy farmers to continue to promote their product and "tell their story".



Dan Mosley, of Perennia, gave an update on Dairy Focus, to be held in Halifax this March 26 and 27th.



Jacques Laforge, Chief Exec. Officer for the Canadian Dairy Commission, presented the latest CDC Report.

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