



Blueberry harvesting is almost finished in Cumberland with much smaller berries being harvested.
(Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)



It took a lot more travelling the fields to fill a large tote with famous Cumberland blueberries.
(Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)



With very little rain smaller berries are the norm, and much smaller yield per acre. One farmer said in previous years two buckets might weigh 100 pounds, but this year it might take up to five buckets to provide the same weight and volume. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)



A forklift unloads truckloads of totes for short term storage in The Curtis Erb storage shed on Western Ave, Parrsboro. Many sorting stations are either closed or accepting shipments to be taken to Oxford for processing. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)

New Pet Supplies Store in Five Islands

By Maurice Rees

Renee Wisman, who retired last year has teamed up with his wife and daughter, Cindy & Holly to start Five Island's newest business, Live Right Pet Supplies, which was founded in Hamilton, Ontario in 2013. Cindy and Holly ran one of the big chain stores for 2 years before deciding to open their own independent pet specialty store.

They opened the first in Hamilton Ontario back in 2013 and in the fall of 2014 a second store opened in Simcoe Ontario. All was going well but in February

of 2018 Cindy permanently injuring her back, when she was hit as a pedestrian in the parking lot in Hamilton.

No longer able to keep up with the fast pace, the decision was made late in 2018 to sell everything and follow their dream to live in Nova Scotia.

They bought place in Five Islands, but it took until summer of 2019 to sell their home and two businesses to move with 3 dogs and 7 cats to Nova Scotia. After their first experience with hurricane Dorian planning started for the store, but had to wait till

spring as all the local contractors were busy wrapping up projects before winter hit. They did manage to get the foundation pad poured before the snow came.

When things were supposed to get rolling in spring 2020, Covid swooped in to bring the economy to a halt. Workers stopped working and lockdown began. Well finally things in the Maritimes began to return to normal. After many delays our building is built and we are beginning to fill it with products.

So far we are carrying Dog and Cat food, small animal food, pet and wild bird food, as well as some horse and chicken feed which we get through the Co-op.

They have bird houses & feeders, some of which were made during the long shut down. Additional items include : toys, flea treatments, and supplements. The Wisman's are continuing to add stock as they get requests and feedback through our Live Right Pet Supplies Facebook page.

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