

Largest Turn-Out Ever for WBPANS Field Day

The Wild Blueberry Producers of Nova Scotia Field Day was held at the office on Dakota Road, Debert on July 21st. One of the largest field days ever, over 350 people were in attendance. (Photos by Linda Harrington)



A record crowd attended the NS Wild Blueberry Producers Field Day in Debert on July 21st.



Koppert Biological Systems had their bumblebee quads on display as well as the new compact bumblebee hive Minipol. Minipol primarily satisfies the needs of vegetable, soft-fruit and seed producers with growing areas measuring up to 750 m².

By Linda Harrington

This year's Wild Blueberry Producers Field Day was the largest ever held, with over 350 in attendance. Many spent the morning touring the information booths on site, discussing current pesticide information, sharing crop conditions and checking out new technology.

Guest speakers and producers were talking about the critical need for rain across Maine and the Maritimes but there was optimism looking toward this year's price point, knowing there was very little wild blueberry inventory in frozen storage.

Berries were ripe and

ready for picking about a week and half earlier this year and with production now in full swing, the overall harvest is leaning toward an average crop yield. Some fields were hit by a frost at the end of May and others suffered from a lack of pollination.

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A delicious lunch of BBQ beef on a bun with wild blueberry dessert was enjoyed by the crowd of over 350 people.



For Old Tymes Sake provided entertainment at the Wild Blueberry Field Day in Debert.

Nova Scotia Crop and Livestock Insurance Commission Fall Application Deadlines

Lowbush Blueberry	November 30	Strawberry	November 14
Highbush Blueberry	November 30	Forage Establishment	October 15
Raspberry	October 31	Tree Fruit	November 30

Anyone wishing to apply for crop insurance coverage for the above noted crops for the next crop year must apply before the deadlines noted above.

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