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NFU LOOKING FORWARD TO ACCREDITATION IN NEW BRUNSWICK

The National Farmers Union (NFU) is looking forward to the official announcement of its accreditation by the New Brunswick government in the near future. The NFU applied for accreditation to represent family farmers after fulfilling all the criteria laid out in the province's *Agricultural Producers Registration and Farm Organizations Funding Act*.

Barb Somerville, a dairy farmer from Juniper, NB and Secretary of the **National Farmers Union in New Brunswick**, said the application for the NFU's accreditation marks a turning point for family farmers in the province. "The NFU has been an active force for family farmers in this province since the first organizing drive in 1969," she pointed out. "Our goals are straightforward and clear:

1. To work towards a fair income from the marketplace for farmers,
2. To collaborate with existing groups to strengthen rural communities, and
3. To contribute to policies which allow family farms to continue to be the foundation of a healthy food system."

The **National Farmers Union in New Brunswick** will hold its annual convention in March, when members from around the province will elect a new executive board, including Women's Director and Youth Director. As well, delegates will be chosen at that time to attend the New Brunswick Agricultural Summit on April 3 and 4 in Fredericton.

NFU President Stewart Wells said he welcomes the province's efforts to bring forward the new *Agricultural Producers Registration and Farm Organizations Funding Act*. "The Act should strengthen the voice of New Brunswick farmers, and the NFU is eager to help represent the goals and aspirations of NB farmers," said Wells.

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