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Farmers: When you renew, choose the NFU!

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Are you an NB farmer? On October 31st of each year, your Professional Agricultural Producers (RPAP) or green card expires. This card entitles you to purchase farm licence plates and a permit to purchase tax exempt fuel for farm related activities and to get discounts on soil tests.

When your RPAP card expires on October 31, 2009, so does your membership in your general farm organization. This year when you renew, choose to protect and promote family farms by joining the National Farmers Union. Since 1969, the NFU has been working to help farmers across Canada to earn a fair living and to protect the rural communities that are a source of safe, healthy food for Canadians.

In New Brunswick, NFU members are lobbying the government on your behalf for better policies for farmers. The NFU supported potato farmers hurt by PVYN testing mistakes in the 1980s. The NFU *Buy Local* campaign continues to help consumers to recognize the benefits of buying locally grown food from NB farmers.

This fall New Brunswickers are worried about a flu pandemic and rising fuel costs. They have reason to wonder where the food for hospitals, restaurants and their own family tables will come from if imported foods were to become inaccessible. Join the NFU and support this family farm organization in its work to ensure that Canadians will always have reliable access to high quality food from NB farms.

Non-farmers can also support this important work by joining the NFU as Associate Members. Sign on at www.nfu.ca or call Jean-Eudes Chiasson at 775-6033, Betty Brown at 278 - 5439 or Barb Somerville at 1-888-246-5583 for more information.

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