



Agri-Environment Services Branch



Information and Tools

The Agri-Environment Services Branch (AESB) is a recently formed national branch of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) created to bring expertise and innovative environmental solutions to farming and the agriculture and agri-food sector.

Working with clients and partner organizations, AESB provides practical, relevant and accessible agri-environment information and services.

AESB helps provide answers to environmental problems through:

- *Applied Research*
- *Information and Tools*
- *Sustainable Agriculture Systems*

Atlantic Region - examples of projects that AESB is working on include:

Agricultural Profiling Project for Kings County, Nova Scotia – this project describes and characterizes agricultural activity in Kings County, Nova Scotia. This information will be used to support decision making by local governments. *For more information, contact Richard Hardin, AESB Fredericton, New Brunswick at 506-452-4243 or email: richard.hardin@agr.gc.ca*

Evaluation of Agro-Climatology Model in Atlantic Canada – this project will improve access to high-quality agro meteorological data and information within the agricultural sector of the Atlantic region. *For more information, contact Scott Anderson, AESB Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island at 902-368-5643 or email: scott.anderson@agr.gc.ca*

Atlantic Canadian Biodiversity Handbook - The purpose of the handbook is to help agricultural producers increase their understanding of biodiversity and what it actually means to their farming operation. The handbook will provide a definition of biodiversity; why the producer should manage for biodiversity on the farm; linking their Environmental Farm Plan to existing biodiversity related beneficial

management practices (BMPs); and how to work this into an action plan for each individual producer. *For more information, contact Lorelei Langille, AESB Truro, Nova Scotia at 902-896-0119 or email: lorelei.langille@agr.gc.ca*

Other AESB projects and initiatives include:

Riparian Buffer Design Tool - *Contact Chris Pharo, AESB Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island at 902-566-7310 or email: chris.pharo@agr.gc.ca*

Climate Production Risks Committee - provides a regional perspective to bi-weekly national meetings and to update maps and provide input into products created. *For more information, contact Richard Hardin, AESB Fredericton, New Brunswick at 506-452-4243 or email: richard.hardin@agr.gc.ca*

Evaluation and Demonstration of Irrigation Scheduling Technology Utilizing Soil and Weather Data Under Various Atlantic Canadian Conditions – *Contact Wendy Pratt, AESB Truro, Nova Scotia at 902-896-0336 or email: wendy.pratt@agr.gc.ca*

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