



Project 4.8: Impacts of the NB regulatory process on the small scale cranberry farmer

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Project Description:

Discussions with the New Brunswick Cranberry Association have revealed that new farmers are struggling with the regulatory process surrounding environmental approvals for cranberry bogs. With the costs and time involved for the permit approvals and the necessary information that needs to be provided, some feel that the small scale farmer will be excluded from this relatively new agricultural sector. This research based on literature review, was initiated in order to provide input on some of the regulatory obstacles and how other jurisdictions have dealt with similar issues. The literature shows that NB has a very strong Policy for wetland conservation and there are difficulties in ensuring that conservation and other socio-economic benefits are in balance. Other areas, notably in the US, have a less restrictive regulatory process surrounding wetlands and some exclusions or general permits have been designed for agriculture. The authors believe that sustainable developments warrants attention to ensure small farmers are treated equitably and some recommendations are made in order to simplify the existing regulatory process.

Outputs:

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