

## > **New Brunswick farmers return more than 15,000 kilograms of obsolete pesticides and livestock medications**

March 2, 2016, Saint John, N.B. – Farmers in New Brunswick returned 15,019 kilograms of obsolete and unwanted pesticides and 330 kilograms of livestock and equine medications through CleanFARMS' obsolete collection campaign in 2015.

CleanFARMS, which operates the program, is a national, industry-led agricultural waste stewardship organization. Collections took place at eleven participating ag-retail locations throughout New Brunswick from November 2–13. This is the fourth collection program

CleanFARMS has run in the province.

This marked the first time that a combined collection of pesticides and livestock medications has been offered in New Brunswick. CleanFARMS partnered with the Canadian Animal Health Institute (CAHI) to add the collection of livestock and equine medications to CleanFARMS' existing program.

“The CleanFARMS collection program provides farmers with an environmentally responsible way to dispose of unused or expired pesticides and livestock medications,” said Mike Bouma, president of the Agricultural Alliance of New Brunswick (AANB). “AANB is proud to support this industry-led program that supports sustainable agriculture.”

New Brunswick farmers have a long history of good stewardship practices. Since 1998, New Brunswick farmers have returned more than 45,000 kilograms of obsolete pesticides.

“We are pleased with the success of this program in New Brunswick,” said Barry Friesen, CleanFARMS' general manager. “New Brunswick farmers' continued dedication to the obsolete collection program proves their commitment to protecting the environment and making responsible decisions on the farm.”

The obsolete collection program is generally delivered in each province or region of the country every three years and comes at no cost to farmers. The program will return to New Brunswick in fall 2018. In between collections, farmers are encouraged to safely store their unwanted pesticides and livestock medications until they can properly dispose of them through the program.

The obsolete collection program is part of the plant science and animal health industry's commitment to the responsible lifecycle management of their products.

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