

**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR
CROP INSURANCE AGENCY
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR
CROP INSURANCE FUND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
MARCH 31, 2016**

Management's Report

Management's Responsibility for the Newfoundland and Labrador Crop Insurance Agency, Newfoundland and Labrador Crop Insurance Fund Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards and the integrity and objectivity of these statements are management's responsibility. Management is also responsible for all of the notes to the financial statements, and for ensuring that this information is consistent, where appropriate, with the information contained in the financial statements.

Management is also responsible for implementing and maintaining a system of internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that transactions are properly authorized, assets are safeguarded and liabilities are recognized.

Management is also responsible for ensuring that transactions comply with relevant policies and authorities and are properly recorded to produce timely and reliable financial information.

The Board of Directors is responsible for ensuring that management fulfills its responsibilities for financial reporting and internal control and exercises these responsibilities through the Board. The Board reviews internal financial information periodically and external audited financial statements yearly.

The Auditor General conducts an independent audit of the annual financial statements of the Newfoundland and Labrador Crop Insurance Agency, Newfoundland and Labrador Crop Insurance Fund, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, in order to express an opinion thereon. The Auditor General has full and free access to financial management of the Newfoundland and Labrador Crop Insurance Agency.

On behalf of the Newfoundland and Labrador Crop Insurance Agency.



Ms. Cynthia MacDonald, P.Ag.
Director of Agriculture Business Development



**AUDITOR
GENERAL**
of Newfoundland and Labrador

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors

Newfoundland and Labrador Crop Insurance Agency, Newfoundland and Labrador Crop Insurance Fund
Corner Brook, Newfoundland and Labrador

Report on the Financial Statements

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Newfoundland and Labrador Crop Insurance Agency, Newfoundland and Labrador Crop Insurance Fund, which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2016, the statement of operations for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Independent Auditor's Report (cont.)

Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Newfoundland and Labrador Crop Insurance Agency, Newfoundland and Labrador Crop Insurance Fund as at March 31, 2016, and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.



TERRY PADDON, CPA, CA
Auditor General

June 21, 2016
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR CROP INSURANCE AGENCY
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
As at March 31

2016

2015

FINANCIAL ASSETS

Cash	\$ 5,822	\$ 49,531
Accounts receivable (Note 5)	107,193	2,080
	113,015	51,611

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 6)	34,901	-
	34,901	-

Net financial assets	78,114	51,611
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NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS

Accumulated surplus	\$ 78,114	\$ 51,611
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*The accompanying notes are an integral part
of these financial statements*

Signed on behalf of the Board:

C. MacDonald

Chairperson

Gerald Wicks

Member

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR CROP INSURANCE AGENCY
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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
For the Year Ended March 31

	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2015 Actual
(Note 9)			
REVENUES			
Government of Canada (Note 7)	\$ 256,559	\$ 220,097	\$ 213,503
Province of Newfoundland and Labrador (Note 7)	171,034	246,730	142,335
Premiums from insured persons	58,200	52,236	33,445
Late payment fees	-	500	600
Bad debt recovery	-	1,017	-
	485,793	520,580	389,883
EXPENSES (Note 8)			
Production Insurance Program	140,000	203,608	143,440
Administration (Note 4)	340,299	290,469	305,670
	480,299	494,077	449,110
Annual surplus (deficit)	5,494	26,503	(59,227)
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year	51,611	51,611	110,838
Accumulated surplus, end of year	\$ 57,105	\$ 78,114	\$ 51,611

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NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR CROP INSURANCE AGENCY
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
March 31, 2016

1. Nature of operations

The Newfoundland and Labrador Crop Insurance Agency (the Agency) operates under the authority of the *Crop Insurance Act*. The purpose of the Agency is to operate the Newfoundland and Labrador Crop Insurance Fund to provide insurance to farmers of the Province to restrict the amount of financial loss due to crop failure. Its affairs are managed by a Board of Directors appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. These statements are a representation of the activities of the Newfoundland and Labrador Crop Insurance Fund.

The Agency is a Crown entity of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador and as such is not subject to Provincial or Federal income taxes.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

(a) Basis of accounting

The Agency is classified as an Other Government Organization as defined by the Canadian public sector accounting standards (CPSAS). These financial statements are prepared by management in accordance with CPSAS for provincial reporting entities established by the Canadian Public Sector Accounting Board. The Agency does not prepare a statement of change in net financial assets and a statement of cash flows as this information is readily apparent from the other statements. In addition, the Agency does not prepare a statement of re-measurement gains and losses as the Agency does not enter into relevant transactions or circumstances that are being addressed by the statement.

(b) Financial instruments

The Agency's financial instruments recognized in the statement of financial position consist of cash, accounts receivable and accounts payable and accrued liabilities. The Agency generally recognizes a financial instrument when it enters into a contract which creates a financial asset or financial liability. Financial assets and financial liabilities are initially measured at cost, which is the fair value at the time of acquisition.

The Agency subsequently measures all of its financial assets and financial liabilities at cost or amortized cost. Financial assets measured at cost include cash. Financial assets measured at amortized cost include accounts receivable. Financial liabilities measured at cost include accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

The carrying values of cash, accounts receivable and accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximate current fair value due to their nature and/or the short-term maturity associated with these instruments.

(c) Cash

Cash includes cash in bank.

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2. Significant accounting policies (cont.)

(d) Revenue recognition

Revenues are recognized in the period in which the transactions or events occurred that gave rise to the revenues. All revenues are recorded on an accrual basis, except when the accruals cannot be determined with a reasonable degree of certainty or when their estimation is impracticable.

Government transfers (Province of Newfoundland and Labrador premium and equity contributions and Government of Canada premium contributions) are recognized as revenues when the transfer is authorized and any eligibility criteria are met, except when and to the extent that transfer stipulations give rise to an obligation that meets the definition of a liability. Transfers are recognized as deferred revenue when transfer stipulations give rise to a liability. Transfer revenue is recognized in the statement of operations as the stipulations giving rise to the liabilities are settled.

(e) Expenses

Expenses are reported on an accrual basis. The cost of all goods consumed and services received during the year is expensed.

Indemnity claims are reported on an accrual basis. Indemnity claims are paid to insured persons upon approval by the Board of Directors of submitted insurance claims.

The Agency is administered as a division of the Forestry and Agrifoods Agency. Expenses related to salaries and administration costs are paid directly by the Forestry and Agrifoods Agency and are reflected in these financial statements as expenses of the Agency and as revenue from the Province.

The Province and the Government of Canada have entered into a cost-shared agreement in which administration expenses are funded 60% by the Federal Government and 40% by the Province.

(f) Measurement uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with CPSAS requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reporting amounts of assets and liabilities, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of the revenues and expenses during the period. Items requiring the use of significant estimates include the collectability of accounts receivable.

Estimates are based on the best information available at the time of preparation of the financial statements and are reviewed annually to reflect new information as it becomes available. Measurement uncertainty exists in these financial statements. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

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3. Financial risk management

The Agency recognizes the importance of managing risks and this includes policies, procedures and oversight designed to reduce risks identified to an appropriate threshold. The Agency is exposed to credit risk and liquidity risk through its financial instruments. The Agency is not exposed to market risk. There was no significant change in the Agency's exposure to these risks or its processes for managing these risks from the prior year.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. The Agency's main credit risk relates to cash and accounts receivable. The Agency's maximum exposure to credit risk is the carrying amounts of these financial instruments. The Agency is not exposed to significant credit risk with its cash because these financial instruments are held with a Chartered Bank. The Agency is not exposed to significant credit risk related to its accounts receivable as it has policies and procedures for the monitoring and collection of its accounts receivable so as to mitigate potential credit losses. Any estimated impairment of these accounts receivable has been provided for through a provision for doubtful accounts as disclosed in Note 5.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Agency will be unable to meet its contractual obligations and financial liabilities as they come due. The liquidity risk related to accounts payable and accrued liabilities is considered to be low. The Agency manages liquidity risk by monitoring its cash flows and ensuring that it has sufficient resources available to meet its contractual obligations and financial liabilities.

4. Related party transactions

The Agency is administered by employees of the Forestry and Agrifoods Agency. Salaries and other costs of \$288,473 (2015 - \$305,670) applicable to the operation of the Agency have been paid or are payable by the Forestry and Agrifoods Agency and are reflected in these financial statements as expenses of the Agency and as revenue in the form of payments made by the Province. The Province recovered \$173,084 (2015 - \$183,402) of these administration expenses from the Government of Canada under the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador AgriInsurance Program funded under the Growing Forward 2 Framework Agreement.

The Agency incurred an insurance claim of \$131,873 (2015 - \$60,717) to a company which had a Board member of the Agency as a director of the company insured under the crop insurance program. Of the \$131,873, \$34,901 was included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities at year end.

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5. Accounts receivable

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Government of Canada	\$ 2,587	\$ -
Province of Newfoundland and Labrador	101,732	84
Premiums from insured persons	5,993	4,136
	<u>110,312</u>	<u>4,220</u>
Less: provision for doubtful accounts	3,119	2,140
	<u>\$ 107,193</u>	<u>\$ 2,080</u>

6. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Indemnity claims owed to insured persons	\$ 34,901	\$ -
	<u>\$ 34,901</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

7. Premium contributions and administrative expenses

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Government of Canada		
Premium contributions	\$ 47,013	\$ 30,101
Payments for administration	173,084	183,402
	<u>\$ 220,097</u>	<u>\$ 213,503</u>
Province of Newfoundland and Labrador		
Premium contributions	\$ 31,341	\$ 20,067
Payments for administration	115,389	122,268
Working capital contributions	100,000	-
	<u>\$ 246,730</u>	<u>\$ 142,335</u>

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8. Expenses by object

The following is a summary of expenses by object:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Bad debt expense	\$ 1,996	\$ -
Bank charges	8	32
Board expenses	2,902	1,751
Equipment supplies	164	535
Indemnity claims	203,608	143,440
Professional services	-	7,495
Purchased services	6,461	7,128
Salaries and employee benefits	248,176	258,442
Supplies	10,529	9,519
Transportation and Communication	20,233	20,768
	<u>\$ 494,077</u>	<u>\$ 449,110</u>

9. Budgeted figures

Budgeted figures, which have been prepared on a cash basis, are provided for comparison purposes and have been approved by the Board of Directors.