

Newfoundland and Labrador Crop Insurance Agency
Annual Performance Report 2022-23





Chairperson's Message

The Honourable Elvis Loveless
Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture
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St. John's, NL A1B 4J6

Dear Minister Loveless:

I am pleased to submit the Annual Performance Report for the Newfoundland and Labrador Crop Insurance Agency (NLCIA), a category three public body under the **Transparency and Accountability Act**. This report covers the period April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023.

The NLCIA provides producers with the opportunity to insure crop losses due to natural perils, which will help mitigate the financial risks that a producer would normally face. The NLCIA recognizes its legislative role under the **Crop Insurance Act** (the Act) to establish and carry out a crop insurance plan under the direction, supervision and control of the Minister of the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture (FFA).

The NLCIA has prepared this report to outline its activities during the 2022-23 fiscal year in fulfillment of the objective established under the 2020-23 Activity Plan. The Provincial Government's commitment to increasing the province's food self-sufficiency has been considered in the preparation of this report.

As Chairperson, my signature on behalf of the NLCIA signifies its accountability for the preparation of this report and the results reported herein.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "C. MacDonald".

Cynthia MacDonald
Chairperson

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Overview

The NLCIA is a Crown Corporation of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. In January 2018, officials from both the Provincial and Federal governments signed the Canadian Agricultural Partnership Multilateral Framework Agreement. A subsection of this agreement states the parameters of, and allows for the cost-sharing of, the AgrilInsurance program. The NLCIA provides an affordable and effective AgrilInsurance program for vegetable producers and operates within the Act.

In accordance with the Act, the membership of the NLCIA shall consist of not less than three, and not more than seven members to be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to hold office at pleasure.

As of March 31, 2023, the NLCIA consisted of the following members:

Name	Title	Appointment Term	Community
Cynthia MacDonald	Chairperson, Director of Agriculture Business Development, FFA	At Pleasure	Corner Brook
Janice Gill	Vice-Chairperson	February 10, 2023 – Until no longer in position	Corner Brook
Afton Lambert	Provincial Government Representative	February 10, 2023 – Until no longer in position	Corner Brook
Nathan Dennis	Producer Representative	February 16, 2023 – February 16, 2027	Cormack
Melvin J. Rideout	Producer Representative	February 10, 2023 – February 10, 2027	Cormack

The NLCIA headquarters is located in Corner Brook at 192 Wheeler's Road, with field offices located in Pynn's Brook and St. John's. To contact the NLCIA, please contact the Program Manager, Karen Kennedy, at 709-637-2473 or via email: KarenKennedy@gov.nl.ca.

The NLCIA operates under the umbrella of the FFA with an annual budget of approximately \$330,000 which includes revenue received from the Federal Government of Canada. Annual revenues of \$194,107 include premiums from insured producers, the Provincial Government's share of administration and premiums, Federal Government's share of administration and premiums, and late payment fees. Program revenues are dependent on program uptake and fluctuate yearly. Annual expenditures of \$217,554 include administration costs and indemnity payments to producers for crop losses. As the

NLCIA is part of the national AgrilInsurance program, the administration costs of the program are cost-shared on a 60:40 Federal-Provincial basis. The annual financial statements of the NLCIA (see Annex A) are prepared and audited by the Office of the Auditor General of Newfoundland and Labrador.

One Agriculturalist II, employed with FFA, assisted the NLCIA with field inspections in 2022-23. The Financial Officer who administers the NLCIA is also an employee of FFA.

In years where crop losses occur due to insurable perils, financial compensation may be provided to help alleviate the financial strain these losses may cause. The amount of compensation paid to producers is dependent upon the coverage value chosen by the producer at the beginning of the crop season. AgrilInsurance premiums are paid on a cost-shared basis, with producers paying 40 per cent, the Federal Government paying 36 per cent and the Provincial Government paying 24 per cent. These premiums are deposited into a fund from which indemnities are drawn. Premiums collected in 2022-23 totaled \$35,335, which includes the Provincial and Federal governments' share of premiums, as well as the producers' premiums. This figure is just over half the total of the premiums collected in 2021-22 (\$69,495). Premium rates for 2022-23 decreased slightly overall across all crops, except carrot (peat) and parsnip; there was a minimal decrease in insured acreage from 108 acres in 2021-22 to 102.8 acres insured in 2022-23. Annex B shows the base premium rates for 2022-23.

In 2022-23, there were seven producers enrolled in AgrilInsurance program, with \$59,716 incurred in crop losses up to March 31, 2023; the 2022-23 cropping season saw a cold, wet spring, with several hot, dry periods creating drought conditions, followed by immense rainfall leading to splits and cracking in rutabaga and lower-than-average crop yields. Indemnities for 2022-23 were lower than indemnities traditionally paid out in previous years.

Lines of Business:

The sole line of business of the NLCIA is the delivery of AgrilInsurance to horticulture producers in the province.

The AgrilInsurance program is voluntary, and producers who decide to enroll each year do so by applying before the April 30 deadline. Currently, there are insurance plans in place for potato, cabbage, carrot (separate plans are available for carrot grown on mineral soil and peat land), parsnip, rutabaga and beet.

Vision:

Through the AgrilInsurance program, the Newfoundland and Labrador Crop Insurance Agency protects investments in crop production. By easing the financial burden in times of crop loss, the AgrilInsurance program helps ensure resources are available for future generations and helps ensure prospects for future development. This contributes to the vision of FFA, stated as follows:

The vision of FFA is that of sustainable renewable resources that are responsibly developed for the social, cultural, ecological, and economic well-being of the province.

Mandate:

The mandate of the NLCIA is to establish and carry out a crop insurance plan under the direction, supervision and control of the Minister of FFA. The Agency shall;

- Administer plans of crop insurance established under the **Crop Insurance Act** or the Regulations;
- Fix by order and publish in the Gazette a final date in each year for the receipt of applications for insurance under a plan;
- Conduct surveys and research programs relating to insurance and obtain statistics for the purposes of the Agency;
- Evaluate and determine crop losses and pay claims under a plan;
- Enter into agreements with, or retain persons for the soliciting and receiving of applications for instance, the collecting of premiums and the adjusting of claims under plans for and on behalf of the Agency, and perform other tasks on its behalf that the Agency considers necessary;
- Reinsure with another insurer the risk or a portion of it under a contract;
- Require an applicant for crop insurance or an insured person to provide the information, statements and reports that the Agency may require;
- Exercise powers and perform the duties that are conferred or imposed upon it under the **Crop Insurance Act** or another Act;
- Perform the other functions and discharge the other duties that are assigned to it by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council; and
- Make the orders and directions that are necessary to enforce the observance of the **Crop Insurance Act**, the Regulations or a plan.

For more details on the Agency's legislated mandate, please refer to the **Crop Insurance Act** located at <http://www.assembly.nl.ca/legislation/sr/statutes/c39.htm>.

Highlights and Partnerships

The NLCIA program has multiple partnerships with other entities including producers, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) and industry associations. The NLCIA continued its partnership with AAFC during 2022-23 by administering cost-shared programming within the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador and continuing to work with AAFC on AgrilInsurance program development.

The NLCIA partners with industry by having two industry representative members on the NLCIA. Through these partnerships, the province is able to promote and deliver this Business Risk Management program, which provides producers with the ability to mitigate financial losses due to crop failure, thus providing more financial stability for their businesses in the event of a crop loss, which in turn contributes to food self-sufficiency.

Report on Performance

In the NLCIA 2020-23 Activity Plan, the administration of the AgrilInsurance program was identified as the key priority for the 2020-23 planning period. The NLCIA's work is in-line with the Provincial Government's commitment to increasing the province's food self-sustainability. The AgrilInsurance program provides producers with an opportunity to mitigate financial instability due to crop loss.

Through the administration of the AgrilInsurance program, the NLCIA's activities during 2022-23 directly supported primary agriculture production. Activities also contributed to agricultural resource management and provided direct support to industry to help strengthen competitiveness, both which are factors that support the government's commitments toward improving the province's food self-sustainability.

The objective and indicators below are derived from the NLCIA's 2020-23 Activity Plan. This is the third and final year of the 2020-23 reporting period. For more information, please view the plan here: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/ffa/files/NLCIAActivityPlan2020-23.pdf>

Issue 1: Management and Administration of the AgrilInsurance Program

The primary issue of the NLCIA is to deliver the AgrilInsurance program to the horticultural producers of Newfoundland and Labrador who choose to participate and to assess the feasibility of offering new insurance plans (i.e., for additional crop products), upon request by industry. The NLCIA is committed to supporting sustainability and best management practices within the provincial industry. The NLCIA will report on the same objective and indicators each year of the planning period, as noted in the 2020-23 Activity Plan.

Objective 2022-23: By March 31, 2023, the Newfoundland and Labrador Crop Insurance Agency will have delivered insurance plans to producers and helped support sustainability/best management practices on farms.

Indicators:

- **Provided advisory services to producers, as required, regarding sustainability/best management practices on farms**

Throughout 2022-23, the Agriculturalist II provided agriculture advisory services to enrolled producers on a continuous basis as needed or requested by producers, such as proper crop rotation management, general agricultural advice, scouting for disease and pest issues and testing where necessary.

- **Requested and reviewed crop rotation and/or green manure plans from participating producers**

During 2022-23, crop rotation and/or green manure plans were requested and reviewed as part of producer application requirements. Plans were requested from

six returning applicants. One applicant was new to the Crop Insurance program and was not required to provide crop rotation plans in their first year of enrolment.

- **Registered applications for crop insurance**

The NLCIA sent application packages via email to Agricultural Development Officers and industry groups for distribution to vegetable producers. Applications were also mailed to 160 potentially eligible producers. Completed applications were submitted by seven producers by the deadline. Upon receipt of these applications, the prospective participants were registered into the NLCIA's Crop Insurance database.

- **Reviewed applications to ensure they meet requirements**

The seven applications and related crop rotations submitted by applicants during 2022-23 were reviewed by NLCIA staff. All applications met requirements and were approved.

- **Issued contracts to approved applicants**

Contracts for AgrilInsurance were issued for each of the seven approved applicants during 2022-23. Upon signature and return to the NLCIA program manager, signed contracts were filed in producer client files. The contracts detail the terms and conditions of the program, the responsibilities of both the participant and the NLCIA, the crops and perils covered, planting deadlines, harvesting deadlines, price options and coverage levels. The contracts also include methodology for determining premiums owed by the participant and the deadline for premium payments.

- **Measured and inspected insured fields**

During 2022-23, the Agriculturist II measured all insured fields with global positioning system units to determine the precise size of each insured field and test dig markers were placed in accordance with outlined procedures. Fields were inspected to ensure participants were following generally accepted practices of seedbed preparation and seeding/planting techniques. A total of 102.8 acres were insured in 2022-23.

- **Completed test digs and yield calculations**

During the 2022-23 harvest season, the Agriculturist II harvested all test digs in each field. Total marketable yield for each insured crop was calculated using the test dig data. Test dig harvest and yield calculations were completed for each crop and each participant. The yield calculations were compared to the guaranteed production amount for each participant to determine if the insured producer was in a claim position.

- **Reviewed all claims**

On February 27, 2023, the members of the NLCIA reviewed three claims made by producers for crop losses incurred in 2022-23.

- **Decisions communicated to applicants and indemnities paid, where applicable**

In 2022-23, three program participants submitted a total of three claims. All three claims were approved, with indemnity payments of \$59,716. No claims were denied. The Program Manager communicated the decisions of the NLCIA to the respective claimants.

- **Commenced appeal process when requested by producers**

Producers who participate in the program and do not agree with the decisions of the NLCIA with respect to their claims have the right to appeal. The participants are given two weeks to file a notice of intent to appeal, followed by appointing an arbitrator agreeable to both parties. No appeals were submitted in 2022-23.

- **Assessed feasibility of covering new crop products, upon request, and carried out development work on insurance plans for new crops approved**

Throughout 2022-23, details of potential new insurance products (as requested by industry) were shared with NLCIA board members. Legislative restrictions have limited the ability of the NLCIA to move forward with introduction of new crop insurance products. Therefore, no new development work for insurance plans was carried out in 2022-23.

Opportunities and Challenges

The ongoing research and development of programs to cover important, but previously uninsurable crops is a key opportunity for future development of the AgrilInsurance program. Producers are interested in insuring crops that do not currently fall under the parameters of the Act. With the ever-changing climatic conditions that Newfoundland and Labrador is experiencing, including those that are hospitable to warmer-season crops, producers would like to have the ability to insure these non-traditional crops.

The challenges that continue to affect the AgrilInsurance program include managing premium rates to maintain program sustainability, increasing producer participation, unfavourable weather conditions during planting and covering large geographical regions within the province where producers are widely spread out.

Annex A: 2022-23 Premium Base Rates

The base rates in the table below are set by AAFC using average production and yield data from past participants in the AgrilInsurance program. The rates are based on the indemnity/premium history provided by the NLCIA. The rates vary depending on the level of coverage. The premium rate is applied to the value of the crop and determines the cost of the insurance to the Insured. These rates change yearly. Table 1 (below) shows the base premium rates for the 2022 crop season. The base rates are used to calculate premium rates for producers that are interested in participating in the AgrilInsurance program and are presented below for the corresponding crops and coverage levels.

Table 1: AgrilInsurance 2022-23 Base Premium Rates

Crop Base Rate ¹	Coverage Levels		
	60%	70%	80%
Beet	28.14%	30.94%	33.85%
Cabbage	18.10%	21.01%	24.04%
Carrot-mineral	14.98%	18.49%	21.60%
Carrot-peat	40.89%	43.60%	47.72%
Parsnip	25.40%	30.77%	34.80%
Potato	6.37%	10.19%	13.73%
Rutabaga	15.96%	20.91%	25.73%

¹ These base premium rates do not reflect surcharge, discount, or loyalty premium adjustments.

Annex B: 2022-23 Financial Statements

**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR
CROP INSURANCE AGENCY**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MARCH 31, 2023

Office of the Auditor General

Management's Report

Management's Responsibility for the Newfoundland and Labrador Crop Insurance Agency 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.

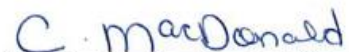
Management is also responsible for implementing and maintaining a system of internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that transactions are properly authorized, assets are safeguarded and liabilities are recognized.

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 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



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NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Newfoundland and Labrador Crop Insurance Agency
Corner Brook, Newfoundland and Labrador

Opinion

I have audited the financial statements of the Newfoundland and Labrador Crop Insurance Agency (the Agency), which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2023 and the statement of operations for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Agency as at March 31, 2023, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I am independent of the Agency in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in Canada, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, but does not include the financial statements and my auditor's report thereon. The annual report is expected to be made available to me after the date of this auditor's report.

My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and I will not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Independent Auditor's Report (cont.)

In connection with my audit of the financial statements, my responsibility is to read the other information identified above when it becomes available and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or my knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. When I read the annual report, if I conclude that there is a material misstatement therein, I am required to communicate the matter to those charged with governance.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Agency's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Agency or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Agency's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Independent Auditor's Report (cont.)

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Agency's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Agency's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Agency to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.


SANDRA RUSSELL, CPA, CA
Deputy Auditor General

August 22, 2023
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR CROP INSURANCE AGENCY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at March 31

2023

2022

FINANCIAL ASSETS

Cash	\$ 85,364	\$ 116,155
Accounts receivable (Note 5)	2,793	506
	88,157	116,661

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	135	5,192
	135	5,192

Net financial assets **88,022** **111,469**

NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS

Accumulated surplus **\$ 88,022** **\$ 111,469**

Contractual rights (Note 8)

The accompanying notes are an integral part
of these financial statements

Signed on behalf of the Board:

C. MacDonald

Chairperson

Janice Gier

Member

Office of the Auditor General

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

	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	2022 Actual
	Unaudited (Note 9)		
REVENUES			
Government of Canada (Note 6)	\$ 180,000	\$ 107,423	\$ 167,450
Province of Newfoundland and Labrador (Note 6)	120,000	71,615	111,634
Premiums from insured persons	30,000	14,134	27,629
Recovery of bad debt	-	735	-
Late payment fees	-	200	400
	330,000	194,107	307,113
EXPENSES (Note 7)			
AgrilInsurance Program	50,000	59,716	9,578
Administration	260,020	157,838	237,218
	310,020	217,554	246,796
Annual surplus (deficit)	19,980	(23,447)	60,317
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year	111,469	111,469	51,152
Accumulated surplus, end of year	\$ 131,449	\$ 88,022	\$ 111,469

The accompanying notes are an integral part
of these financial statements

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NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR CROP INSURANCE AGENCY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
March 31, 2023

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 Agency.

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 (PSAB). 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. 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.

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

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2. Significant accounting policies (cont.)

(c) Cash

Cash includes cash in bank.

(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 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 under the AgrilInsurance Program 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 Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture. Expenses related to salaries and administration costs are paid directly by the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture and the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure and are reflected in these financial statements as expenses of the Agency and as revenue from the Province and the Government of Canada.

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

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NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR CROP INSURANCE AGENCY
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March 31, 2023

2. Significant accounting policies (cont.)

(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 and the allocation of salaries to the Agency for employees of the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture that administer its program.

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.

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 this financial instrument is held with a Chartered Bank. The Agency is exposed to credit risk related to its accounts receivable. The Agency 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 financial liabilities as they come due. The Agency's exposure to liquidity risk relates mainly to its accounts payable. The Agency manages liquidity risk by monitoring its cash flows and ensuring that it has sufficient resources available to meet its financial liabilities.

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4. Related party transactions

The Agency is administered by employees of the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture. Estimated salaries and other costs of \$157,838 (2022 - \$237,218) applicable to the operation of the Agency have been paid or are payable by the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture and the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure and are reflected in these financial statements as expenses of the Agency and as revenue in the form of payments made by the Province and the Government of Canada. The Province recovered \$94,703 (2022 - \$142,330) of these administration expenses from the Government of Canada under the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Agrilnsurance Agreement of the Canadian Agricultural Partnership.

The premium contributions of \$21,200 (2022 - \$41,866) have been paid or are payable by the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture and are reflected in these financial statements as revenue in the form of payments made by the Province and the Government of Canada. The Province recovered \$12,720 (2022 - \$25,120) of the premiums contributions from the Government of Canada under the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Agrilnsurance Agreement of the Canadian Agricultural Partnership.

Transactions with the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture are in the normal course of business measured at the exchange amount.

The Agency received insurance premiums of \$7,730 (2022 - \$12,385) from a company which has a Board member of the Agency as a director of that company. The Agency paid an insurance claim of \$51,804 (2022 - \$nil) to that company. Transactions with the company are in the normal course of business and are measured at the exchange amount.

5. Accounts receivable

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Premiums from insured persons	\$ 4,109	\$ 2,556
Due from Province	5	6
	<u>4,114</u>	<u>2,562</u>
Less: provision for doubtful accounts	<u>1,321</u>	<u>2,056</u>
	<u>\$ 2,793</u>	<u>\$ 506</u>

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6. Premium contributions and administrative expenses

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Government of Canada		
Premium contributions	\$ 12,720	\$ 25,120
Payments for administration	94,703	142,330
	<u>\$ 107,423</u>	<u>\$ 167,450</u>

Province of Newfoundland and Labrador

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Premium contributions	\$ 8,480	\$ 16,746
Payments for administration	63,135	94,888
	<u>\$ 71,615</u>	<u>\$ 111,634</u>

7. Expenses by object

The following is a summary of expenses by object:

	<u>2023</u> <u>Budget</u> <u>Unaudited</u> <u>(Note 9)</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Actual</u>
Bank charges	\$ 20	\$ 5	\$ 6
Board expenses	4,000	290	290
Computer	-	450	2,650
Equipment supplies	2,000	2,349	-
Indemnity claims	50,000	59,716	9,578
Professional services	5,000	-	235
Purchased services	5,000	10,473	5,504
Salaries and employee benefits	230,000	135,089	210,378
Supplies	7,000	4,164	11,147
Transportation and communication	7,000	5,018	6,928
	<u>\$ 310,020</u>	<u>\$ 217,554</u>	<u>\$ 246,796</u>

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8. Contractual rights

The operations of the Agency will be cost-shared under the Canada - Newfoundland and Labrador AgrilInsurance Agreement of the Canadian Agricultural Partnership - a five-year federal, provincial and territorial agreement from 2018-19 to 2022-23. AgrilInsurance is a part of the Business Risk Management suite of programs and provides insurance against production losses for specified perils.

The administration cost of the AgrilInsurance Program will be jointly funded under the AgrilInsurance Agreement between Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture on a 60:40 percent basis respectively. The total premium costs will be shared between the federal government, the provincial government and the producer on a 36:24:40 percent basis respectively.

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. Budgeted figures included in the financial statements are not audited.