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Planning for the Year Ahead

Once harvest has been completed, it's time to start planning for the next growing season.

There are several key components to take into consideration during crop planning; however, a good first step is to complete a review of the past growing season and even of the growing seasons 2-3 years back. Hopefully, you kept good notes on the yields and quality of your crops, but more importantly, you should be considering the growing conditions, pest, disease and weed pressures, fertilizer and other plant health products that were applied evaluating their impacts and effectiveness. Doing this, you can learn from what worked well and what didn't work so well to better adapt for the next year. Knowing what pests and weeds you may have struggled with in past seasons can help you to plan for measures to reduce those challenges for the following year. Perform this review with your farm staff and agronomist to make sure you cover all the key observations that were recorded for previous growing seasons.

With the review process complete, the next step is knowing where your fields' soil health and fertility stands. The best way to do this is by soil testing. Depending on your nutrient management strategy, it is recommended that fields be tested every three years to determine nutrient and pH needs based on crop requirements. The fall is a great time to apply lime to your soils, so having an idea of where your pH lies will help guide the application rates for this amendment. Work with your local agronomist to assist you in developing a nutrient management plan tailored to your field fertility status and the crops you wish to plant.

As you review your soil conditions and develop your nutrient management plan, crop rotation will come into play. You should have an idea of your acreage needs to meet feed or production goals going into this step. This will help determine which fields will need to be rotated, and which ones may need to be amended before spring. Do this taking into account any pest pressure that may have been faced in the previous years. Once you have determined your crop rotation, you can place your seed orders to ensure you get the seed you want and have it on hand when it's time to plant. While planning for seeding, it's a good time to consider fields that might need some rejuvenation where

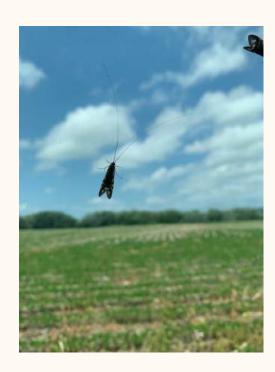
frost seeding could be done in early spring. Frost seeding plans should be made early to make sure you have the seed and equipment ready on time for the freeze/thaw window to achieve the best results.

Between harvest and field work the following spring, you should perform the necessary equipment maintenance so you can start off on the right foot when you get in the fields the following year. Proper cleaning and inspection of equipment at the end of the season can help you find and fix any problem areas. This will give you peace of mind when you pull the equipment out of the shed in the spring.

A last point you may want to consider when planning for the year ahead is any funding program projects and applications that you want to submit the following year. Some of these programs can assist with the cost of seed, new management practices, new infrastructure and professional services. This planning should not be put off since the busy spring season can creep up quickly and certain programs have strict application deadlines and waitlists.

There are other steps that can be taken to plan ahead but these are a few good ones to take before jumping into the next growing season. For assistance with the crop planning process, reach out to your local NBSCIA coordinators and local extension groups.







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General Manager Report - Ray Carmichael



NBSCIA General Manager

Although spring was like a rollercoaster, between rain events and short dry periods to get the crops in the ground, the lack of rain unfortunately continued and the southeastern portion of the province suffered significant drought conditions. For a detailed look at your area check the NBSCIA web-site; https://www.nbscia.ca/weather-maps/.

NBSCIA staff worked with NBDAAF and commodity groups throughout the summer for field day events highlighting nutrient management, cover cropping and rotational grazing management. Ending with a series of cover cropping with agricultural drone field days in three regions of the province: Keswick Ridge, Sussex and Pokeshaw.

As the year winds down, we are working to organize some winter workshops that will cover relevant topics around best management practices in nitrogen management, cover cropping and rotational grazing.

NBSCIA ACS-OFCAF Manager

OFCAF funding supports New Brunswick's producers in their ongoing progress, adopting beneficial management practices (BMPs) that reduce greenhouse gases (GHGs) and store carbon.

OFCAF funds are available for the COURSE and CONFERENCE EDUCATION PROGRAM. This program will support agriculture producers, agrologists (P.Ag.) and certified crop advisors (CCA) who may wish to participate in conferences, workshops and training events outside the province of New Brunswick that support the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, embracing new technology for improved nitrogen management, cover cropping and rotational grazing.

Plan your next summer's OFCAF project now, as NBSCIA will be accepting applications from January 1, 2026 closing when funding is fully allocated, for projects funded in the fiscal year ending March 31, 2027. REMEMBER that payments for project expenses can not occur prior to April 1, 2026. Detailed program guidelines and the application process are available on the NBSCIA website: https://www.nbscia.ca.

For assistance with the application process contact a your local NBSCIA coordinator or the OFCAF Program Administration Team: Stephen London (506) 392-0408 <u>ofcaf.facf@nbscia.ca</u>; David Walker (506) 461-6046 <u>research@nbscia.ca</u>; David Good (506) 391-9424 <u>drgood449@gmail.com</u>; Ray Carmichael (506) 276-3311 <u>ofcafadmin@nbscia.ca</u>.

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NBSCIA 47th Annual General Meeting and Technical Workshop

Planning is well underway for NBSCIA's 47th Annual General Meeting and Technical Workshop. This event will be held on March 12th and 13th, 2026 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Moncton, NB with this year's theme "Envisioning New Brunswick's Agri-Food Sector in 2050". The keynote speaker for March 12th is David Philips, Climatologist Emeritus, retired from Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC). Stay tuned for future speaker and topic highlights.

As always, the evening of Thursday, March 12th will be the Farm of the Year Banquet. NBSCIA has 5 candidates for the 2025 Farm of the Year, Energy Fruit Farm from the Chignecto region, Intervale Farms from the Moncton region, Waygood Farm from the Central region, Villeneuve Family Farm from the Carleton region, and Ferme Les Industries Corriveau from the Northwest region. We look forward to celebrating these farms at the banquet and awarding the recipient of the Farm of the Year Award.

Message from the NBSCIA President - John Bos

As we move through the fall season, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on the months behind us and look ahead to what's still to come. I hope everyone across the province has enjoyed a productive summer and a safe and successful harvest season so far.

It's no secret that this summer brought its share of dry conditions, reminding us once again how much we depend on timely rainfall to keep our soils healthy and our crops thriving. Let's hope that fall rains help replenish our groundwater and set the stage for a strong start next spring.

For those still waiting on their corn harvest, I wish you continued good weather and a smooth, successful finish to your growing year. Whether you're wrapping up in the fields or already planning for next season, take pride in the hard work and dedication that define agriculture in New Brunswick.

On behalf of the NB Soil and Crop Improvement Association, thank you for your ongoing commitment to improving soil health, sustainability, and productivity across our province. The staff of NBSCIA must also be thanked for their continued hard work. Please reach out to your coordinators with any questions about your soils and crops and programs that they may be able to help with.

Wishing you all the best this fall and in the months ahead,

John Bos President NB Soil and Crop Improvement Association

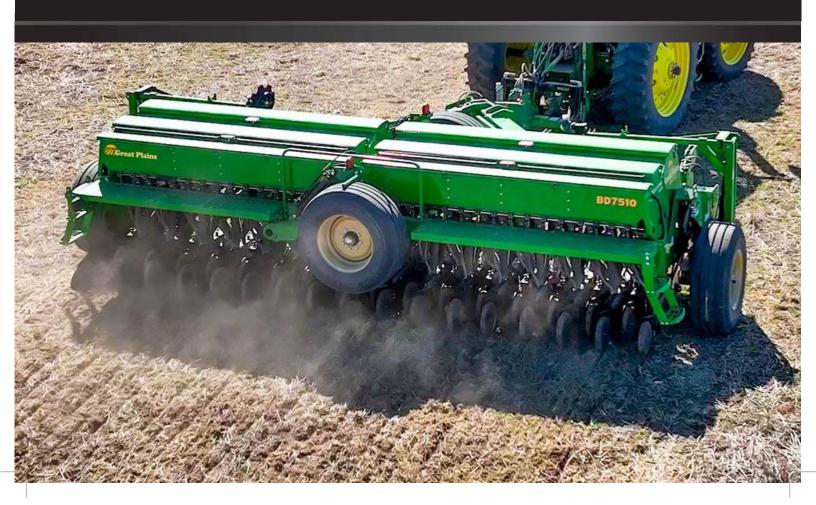




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Shaun Haney

RealAgriculture Founder & RealAg Radio show host

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Shaun Haney est le fondateur de RealAgriculture, une plateforme médiatique agricole bien établie en Amérique du Nord qui diffuse des nouvelles et des analyses sur les politiques agricoles, l'agronomie et la gestion des fermes. Il anime RealAg Radio sur la chaîne Rural Radio 147 de SiriusXM, ainsi que RealAg on the Weekend en Saskatchewan et en Alberta. Shaun intervient régulièrement sur RFD-TV, Agritalk et US Farm Report, et il co-pilote RealAgristudies, une initiative de recherche axée sur les besoins des producteurs agricoles, lancée en 2019.



2025 New Brunswick Lime Transportation Assistance Program

There is still funding and time available to apply for this year's program!

The objective of this program is to help reduce the cost of trucking lime to farms with the lime being used to neutralize the soil acidity of farmland which will in turn improve soil health and productivity and help mitigate climate change impacts as a result of low pH.

Primary agricultural producers with a current RPAP number, agricultural producer associations involved in primary agricultural production and Indigenous peoples and organizations involved in primary agricultural production are eligible to apply for this program. The farmland applied for must have a pH below 6.2 as reflected by the current or the previous years' soil analysis report.

The financial assistance varies based on the acidity of the soil with lower pH farmland receiving higher funding contributions. The amount of lime funded per acre is also based on your soil pH with lower pH farmland eligible for up to 5 tonnes/acre. Assistance rates vary based on the distance between the farm and an approved source of lime. The maximum amount of lime that is eligible per applicant per year is 250 tonnes.

This year's deadlines are as follows:

- Lime application period: April 1 to November 30, 2025
- Expense incurred period: April 1 to November 30, 2025
- Expense claim period: April 1 to December 15, 2025, for expenses that occurred between April 1 and November 30, 2025

You can contact your local NBDAAF staff or NBSCIA coordinator to help you out with the application process. The following link is to the program guidelines where you will find more detailed information on the program

https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/10/pdf/Services/Agriculture/nb-limestone-transportation-assistance-program-guidelines.pdf and the link to the application form can be found here https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/10/pdf/Services/Agriculture/nb-limestone-transportation-assistance-program-application-form.pdf.

Regional Updates

A wonderful agricultural season in the northwest region

by Jean-Mars Jean-François

Northwestern New Brunswick experienced a 2025 agricultural season that leaves many fond memories. The spring rainfall was very favorable for sowing, hay growth and good crop growth. The maple industry was very satisfied. The accumulated maple syrup exceeded expectations. The price of veal reached an unprecedented peak. Some producers were able to sell their calves for up to \$3,000 and are already planning to increase their herds. In addition, hay yields were well above average, so much so that a third cut was not deemed necessary in many areas. Ranchers are able to store enough hay for the winter. In anticipation, they even have surplus to sell. According to ranchers, if the bullish trend in the beef market continues over a five-year period, beef could rise from the ashes and experience its golden age. However, due to the onset of relative drought observed towards the end of August, cover crops sown during this period did not perform well. It is worth noting that two farmers had to replant. It is hoped that the clover and alfalfa will have enough roots to endure the harsh winter.

As for corn silage, for the first time in decades, this crop was successfully introduced in Saint-Quentin, where it had been abandoned for a long time (see photo below). The increase in the global heat unit played a beneficial role. Corn silage yields are good, and the harvest went well. As for barley and wheat, there was almost no lodging. Yields, above average, are around 1.2 to 1.7 tons per acre. Some farmers report having completely filled their silos, unlike in previous years.

Canola performed well in Saint-Quentin and Saint-François. On average, farmers achieved a yield of slightly more than 1 ton per acre. The buckwheat yield is average, due to the weeds. As for potatoes, the picture is contrasting depending on whether they are seed or processing tubers. Seed growers enjoyed good quality and a significant yield. However, when it comes to late varieties, while potato growers are satisfied with the quality, the same cannot be said for the yield. The size of the Russet Burbank leaves something to be desired. This will represent a glaring shortfall for McCain. Moreover, the same observation is made for the experimental plots in Drummond and Saint-André. In Drummond, where we had the seed potato, the yield is very good (see the photo below). In addition, the gravity and quality were there. However, the yields observed at the level of the 9 experimental plots were not satisfactory for the late varieties, due to the low rainfall recorded at Saint-André in September 2025.

Indeed, the Club Coordinator successfully organized two open days in Saint-André in collaboration with Living Labs, OFCAF and NBDAAF. Despite the coincidence of these activities with the harvest period, the participation of the farmers was well and truly acquired. Jean-Louis Daigle and Charles Karemangingo took turns explaining the importance of terracing systems, grassed waterways in soil protection and nutrient management: nitrogen, potassium and phosphorus in potato production. Let us recall that the discussions were very lively. Furthermore, the audience discovered the partial results of various trials carried out on potatoes in the northwest region. For its part, the Living Labs team presented an overview of the activities undertaken on 4 farms in the northwest region during the summer. We will have to wait for the presentation of the results to appreciate the importance of minimum soil work in carbon sequestration and the reduction of greenhouse gases.

All in all, while the rest of New Brunswick didn't have a good agricultural season due to the drought, the situation in the northwest was different. Aside from a mixed yield for late-season potato varieties, all other crops performed well. The well-distributed heat and humidity throughout the season benefited almost all crops, with the exception of blueberries, which recorded a yield well below the annual average. For now, producers are sitting back and hoping for high sales prices.





Northshore Update

by Gabrielle Schenkels

It's been a long hot summer in Northeastern NB, and thank goodness fall is here to usher in the end of the cropping season! Most farmers have wrapped up their corn silage harvest with decent yields, although third cut left much to be desired, if producers were able to take a cut at all. Forage stands will need some extra energy to get kick started next spring – keep that in mind for your fertility planning this winter.

Over the last couple months we've had some great field days in the Northeast, and I really can't thank our members enough for always giving a great turnout. At our August farm tour at Cowassaget Brook Farms (Fraser and Helen McCallums), we were able to tour their diverse operation, learning about how they use cattle and poultry manure to meet their nitrogen needs, cropping grains, strawberries, tunnel raspberries, along with their rotationally grazed beef herd. In September, Drone Spray Canada made the trip up to Pokeshaw to demo their T100 drone to over 30 attendees from the area at Riordons Farms. The speedy demonstration of cover crop seeding as well as liquid foliar application will surely make it just a matter of time before we see a couple overhead in our area! Thanks to John and Patrick Riordon for hosting as well as for the demonstration of their Seppi mulcher for land clearing.

On the harvest front, wild blueberry producers in our region suffered huge losses to their yields, due to the intense heat during August before harvest, as well as the restrictions on crown land just as harvest began in our region. Yields are estimated to be down about 70% from past averages – some fields in the hundreds of pounds per acre, with the average I'm hearing around 1200-1500lbs/ac. After an ideal pollination and disease window, it is very disappointing to be hearing these numbers for producers. Looking forward to next year, it's important to take into account the yield potential, which can be determined by counting fruit buds now, in the fall, or early spring. This can help determine how to manage your inputs such as bee stocking rates, fertilization, and plant protection products. Reach out to me for more details and keep an eye out this winter for wild blueberry management sessions in the northeast.

Thank you for another great summer and I hope you have a restful fall season!





Carleton October Update

by Andrew Sytsma

Despite the dry growing season, the oat, spring wheat and winter wheat variety development trials in partnership with Phytogene Resources and CEROM had an outstanding year with the biggest yields we've ever seen in the past few years of this work. The yield in metric tonnes for the top lines of the oats was 2.5 t/acre, spring wheat at 2 t/acre and winter wheat at 3.5 t/acre.

Not only were yields pretty incredible, we had higher disease pressure from powdery mildew, rust, barley yellow dwarf virus and smut than previous years. From a plant breeding perspective, this is great to see since it allows us to evaluate which lines show resistance or susceptibility. The winter wheat trial for 2025/2026 was planted September 15 and is off to a great start. We've also included a couple plots of winter barley this year to test its winter survival.

NBSCIA was involved with helping put on two field days this summer: the cereal plot tours in partnership with NBDAAF and a rotational grazing tour at Villeneuve Family Farm. Thanks to NBDAAF, Art McElroy from Phytogene Resources and the Villeneuve family for making it all happen.

NBSCIA will be installing soil temperature sensors at a 2" soil depth on all of the NBSCIA stations across the province this fall. Reach out to one of our staff to get access to the soil temperature data as it needs to be shared to your Davis Weatherlink account in order to see it.



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Central Soil & Crop Fall Update

by Andrea Versloot

Looking back on my update from July; I could not have predicted how this past growing season was going to progress. The Central Region has certainly been more fortunate than some areas of Nova Scotia and the south, southeast part of the province, but we have experienced a significant drought. I heard from several people that it hasn't been this bad in many years. This summer, I have used the Davis Weatherlink App to check on NBSCIA weather stations around the Fredericton area to see the accumulated rainfall we received. I will use the station located in Scotch Settlement as an example. The total rainfall accumulated in June was 109.5mm, the July total was 66.0mm, the August total was 3.0mm, and the September total was 34.0mm. We experienced some very poor growing conditions this year.

As a result, several farmers were not able to get a third cut off their forage fields with a significant yield decrease seen in their second cut forage crop. Perennial pasture production went downhill fast in the month of August and had many dairy and beef producers feeding bales early this year to supplement the lack of forage available. Most spring cereals made out ok with reasonable yields and lower disease pressure at harvest. Corn and soybean crops showed drought stress through the curling of leaves to conserve and capture moisture. Corn silage has been completed with varying moisture levels achieved in the fields. Soybean harvest is well underway, the dry conditions are providing an open window for achieving the appropriate harvest moisture levels. Dry corn has some time yet to finish drying down before harvest but growth has stopped due to the frosts we experienced last month.

The apple crop has also suffered this year with, on average, smaller fruits and uneven ripening. Some trees on farms without irrigation had significant leaf loss late summer and some trees just didn't produce any fruit at all. There are some concerns for next year's apple crop since the fruit bud potential is set in the summer and fall for the following year's production.

The vegetable crops this year made out fairly well despite the dry weather as most producers have an irrigation system available. Depending on the timing of fall squash and pumpkin planting, later planted crops were killed by the frosts received in September.

Two field days were hosted in the Central region in September. The first, on September 9th at Laughing Apple Farms, included a tour of the farm and highlighted the cover crop options available to horticulture producers using the demo plot I planted as a visual representation of some of the different species. The second, on September 23rd at Coburn Farms, featured Adrian Rivard from Drone Spray Canada who demoed a DJI T100 agricultural drone and touched on the cover cropping opportunities using drone technology. Both field days were very informative and well attended. I would like to thank the host farms, speakers and sponsors of these events as well as to those who took the time to attend.

As the year winds down, please continue to reach out to me with any of your soil and crop related needs and questions.

Kings County Fall Update

by Joseph Graham

Kings County producers have been busy with an early harvest season. Most corn silage in the region was ready in the early days of September. The lack of rain this summer will definitely have an impact on the yields of most crops across the region. An inch or less of rain every couple of months wasn't quite enough. The drought stress was quite visible both in corn and forages. Forages and grass struggled with 2nd and 3rd cuts lacking any regrowth. The same was true for any pastures as hay was being fed to many beef cattle by mid to late summer.

Members across NB had many opportunities to attend NBSCIA events. Soil and Crop hosted events in every region with a focus on Nitrogen Management, Cover Cropping, and Rotational Grazing. Locally, Lonsview Farm hosted a drone demo day on September 24. This event had live demos of new agricultural drones, demonstrating how they can cover crop and also top dress effectively. We were very happy to have Drone Spray Canada host the event and share their knowledge on agriculture drones to the Kings County Soil and Crop membership. The new T100 drone was an impressive piece to witness.

As the fall season turns to winter, many producers have become busy with planning for spring 2026. Nutrient management planning and cropping plans are in full swing. This fall has once again been an excellent year to establish a winter cover crop. Here at NBSCIA we are hopeful more producers are making cover cropping work on their farms. As we move into the winter months, NBSCIA will be busy planning AGMs and attending the regional meetings of various associations. We hope to see many of you at our local AGM which is usually planned for February of each year.





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Greetings from Moncton & Chignecto

by Beverly Booth

Hello everyone! I hope you all made the best out of the haying/cropping season despite the challenges that were faced. This summer has flown by and the cows are happy to be home. I have been busy with nutrient management planning and have been consistent with that throughout the summer and fall. Along with nutrient management planning comes nutrient and fertility recommendations, which have been the bulk of my work load. I have been fortunate to meet with many of the producers in my area from one end of my region to the other.

I was able to plan a couple of field days this summer starting with a cover crop field day on September 3rd at Nature's Route Farm in Point de Bute, NB where we toured various crops including carrots, potatoes, turnip, tomatoes, cabbage, oats, and forages. We also were given a rundown of their greenhouse operations and irrigation systems. The second field day of the summer was the Salisbury farm tour and social held on September 5th starting at Appleview Orchards where we learned about orchard management and various varieties of apples in a high-density farming operation. We then moved on to W.A. Farms where we learned about the Van de Brands grain drying facility and the process that grains go through to become dry from harvest to storage. Heather Russell, our chief grain grader, was also on site to speak about grain quality and the importance of proper grain handling and storage. We ended the evening with a Michaud Farm corn boil and social. There were nearly 75 individuals in attendance, one of the biggest turnouts for a field day in the Moncton region to date!

Currently, I have been keeping up with weather station maintenance throughout the Moncton and Chignecto regions. Planning is underway for our provincial AGM and technical workshop happening in Moncton, March 12th & 13th, 2026 including booking of the venue and correspondence with potential speakers. Some critical components of the Farm of the Year process have taken place and I have been able to get out and take pictures at both the Moncton and Chignecto nominee farms. I have also been making farm visits a priority to help producers start to facilitate a plan for upcoming funding programs. I hope you all have a great fall season and I look forward to working with you in the near future to enhance the soil and crop sustainability in New Brunswick. Don't hesitate to contact me at 506-364-2853 or moncton@nbscia.ca for any of your soil or crop needs!







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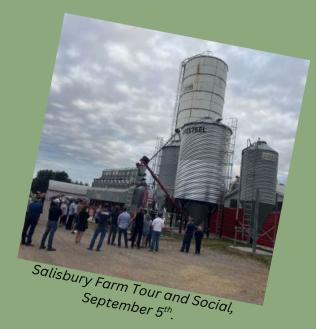
Cover crop demo plot field day at Laughing Apple Farm, NB.



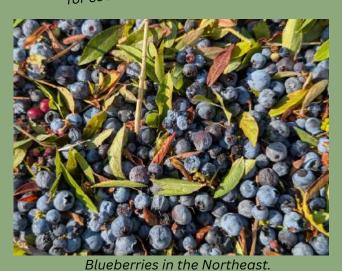
Field day at Nature's Route Farm.



DJI Agras T100 drone at Coburn Farms, NB for cover cropping with drones field day.



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Custom mapping packages include soil status maps, target balance maps, variable rate application maps, GPS work, perimeter mapping, area determination, and crop yield determination.

Soil, Manure & Tissue Sampling

Sampling, sample preparation, completion of soil form, submission of samples, interpretation of results, and recommendations. Does not include Planning, integrated pest management, scouting the cost of soil analysis. 15% discount for PEI lab soil analysis.

Emergency Response Plan

A written emergency response plan for compliance with regulatory bodies.

Environmental Farm Plan

Preparation of field maps and emergency response plans as part of your EFP.

Equipment Calibration

Manure spreaders, sprayers and seeders.

Nutrient Management Plan

Whole farm nutrient management plans including plans compliant with the Livestock operations Act.

Crop Monitoring and IPM

fields for insects, pests and weeds, plant population counts, and plant emergence counts.

Cost of Production Analysis Research **Production Management**

And more!

Contact Us

If you are in need of any services, or have any questions, please contact your local coordinator.

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