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AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Legislative Assembly; and

To the Minister of Agriculture

I have audited the balance sheet of the Nova Scotia Crop & Livestock Insurance Commission as at March 31, 2009, and the statements of surplus and fund balances, and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Commission's management. 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 plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Commission as at March 31, 2009 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Jacques R. Lapointe, CA
Auditor General

Halifax, Nova Scotia
May 11, 2009

**PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA
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BALANCE SHEET
MARCH 31, 2009**

	2009	2008
Assets		
Current		
Cash	\$ 63,579	\$ 149,855
Short-term investments (note 3)	4,998,470	5,193,436
Receivables, trade	381,437	95,049
Accrued interest receivable	972	665
Receivable from Department of Agriculture (note 9)	<u>210,212</u>	<u>-</u>
	5,654,670	5,439,005
Equipment (note 4)	<u>239,813</u>	<u>318,477</u>
	<u>\$ 5,894,483</u>	<u>\$ 5,757,482</u>
Liabilities		
Current		
Deferred revenue	\$ 52,043	\$ 53,427
Deposits for insurance	16,150	21,483
Unsettled indemnities (note 5)	349	5,225
Deferred contribution (note 9)	<u>210,212</u>	<u>-</u>
	278,754	80,135
Deferred contributions related to capital assets (note 6)	<u>239,813</u>	<u>318,477</u>
	<u>518,567</u>	<u>398,612</u>
Fund Balances		
Fund balances		
Crop insurance	\$ 4,372,777	\$ 4,397,477
Livestock insurance	989,110	959,616
Poultry insurance	<u>14,029</u>	<u>1,777</u>
	<u>5,375,916</u>	<u>5,358,870</u>
Contingency (note 11)	<u>\$ 5,894,483</u>	<u>\$ 5,757,482</u>
On Behalf of the Commission		
Director		
Director		

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STATEMENT OF SURPLUS AND FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2009

	Crop Insurance	Wildlife Insurance	Livestock Insurance	Poultry Insurance	Total 2009	Total 2008
Revenue						
Insurance premiums (Schedule A)	\$ 1,457,478	\$ 109,868	\$ 30,929	\$ 11,999	\$ 1,610,274	\$ 1,257,305
Interest income	147,071	-	31,165	253	178,489	284,602
Amortization of deferred contributions (note 6)	<u>79,541</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>79,541</u>	<u>63,099</u>
	<u>1,684,090</u>	<u>109,868</u>	<u>62,094</u>	<u>12,252</u>	<u>1,868,304</u>	<u>1,605,006</u>
Expenses						
Indemnity claims (Schedule A)	1,620,386	109,868	32,600	-	1,762,854	2,205,296
Bad debt expense	8,863	-	-	-	8,863	14,364
Administrative expenses (note 7) (Schedule B)	780,072	19,482	15,919	-	815,473	791,087
Amortization of capital assets	<u>79,541</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>79,541</u>	<u>63,099</u>
	<u>2,488,862</u>	<u>129,350</u>	<u>48,519</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,666,731</u>	<u>3,073,846</u>
Surplus (deficiency) before Government contributions	(804,772)	(19,482)	13,575	12,252	(798,427)	(1,468,840)
Government contributions (note 8)	<u>780,072</u>	<u>19,482</u>	<u>15,919</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>815,473</u>	<u>791,087</u>
Net surplus (deficiency)	(24,700)	-	29,494	12,252	17,046	(677,753)
Fund balances, beginning of year	<u>4,397,477</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>959,616</u>	<u>1,777</u>	<u>5,358,870</u>	<u>6,036,623</u>
Fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ 4,372,777</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 989,110</u>	<u>\$ 14,029</u>	<u>\$ 5,375,916</u>	<u>\$ 5,358,870</u>

**PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2009**

	2009	2008
Operating Activities		
Net surplus (deficiency)	\$ 17,046	\$ (677,753)
Amortization of capital assets	79,541	63,099
Amortization of deferred contributions	<u>(79,541)</u>	<u>(63,099)</u>
	17,046	(677,753)
Net change in non-cash working capital balances related to operations (note 10)	<u>(298,288)</u>	<u>69,720</u>
	<u>(281,242)</u>	<u>(608,033)</u>
Investing Activities		
Sale of short-term investments	194,966	631,894
Purchase of capital assets	(2,676)	(179,040)
Deferred contributions related to capital assets	<u>2,676</u>	<u>179,040</u>
	<u>194,966</u>	<u>631,894</u>
Increase (decrease) in cash during year	(86,276)	23,861
Cash, beginning of year	<u>149,855</u>	<u>125,994</u>
Cash, end of year	<u>\$ 63,579</u>	<u>\$ 149,855</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

1. Authority

The Nova Scotia Crop and Livestock Insurance Commission was established pursuant to Section 2(1) of the Nova Scotia Crop and Livestock Insurance Act. The function of the Commission is to administer plans of crop, wildlife, poultry and livestock insurance, and conduct programs relating to these plans.

2. Accounting policies

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles and include the following accounting policies:

Capital Assets

Capital assets are recorded at cost, net of accumulated amortization. Amortization is provided on a straight-line basis over the assets' estimated useful lives, which for office furniture is 5 years and for equipment is 5 or 10 years depending on the cost of the equipment.

Revenue

Revenue relating to insurance premiums is recorded in the accounts once coverage is written and the insurance certificate is issued to the producer. Interest revenue is recorded in the accounts as it is earned.

Financial instruments

The Commission classifies its financial instruments into one of the following categories; its accounting policy for each is as follows:

Assets held-for trading

Financial instruments classified as assets or liabilities held for trading are reported at fair value at each balance sheet date, and any change in fair value is recognized in net income in the period during which the change occurs. Transaction costs are expensed when incurred. Cash and short-term investments have been classified as held-for-trading.

Loans and receivables and other financial liabilities

Financial instruments classified as loans and receivables and other financial liabilities are carried at amortized cost using the effective interest method. Interest income or expense is included in net income over the expected life of the instrument. Transaction costs are expensed when incurred. Accounts receivable have been designated as loans and receivables and unsettled indemnities as other financial liabilities.

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3. Short-term investments

The commission invests excess funds to be used to pay future indemnity claims. At March 31, 2009 these funds were invested in various GIC's and provincial promissory notes maturing in fiscal 2010 with yields from 1.10% to 3.20%.

4. Equipment

	2009	2008
Equipment and furniture	\$ 480,439	\$ 480,160
Accumulated amortization	<u>(240,626)</u>	<u>(161,683)</u>
	<u>\$ 239,813</u>	<u>\$ 318,477</u>

5. Provision for payment of unsettled indemnities

Any indemnities for losses incurred in the fiscal year not paid as of year end have been estimated and recorded as a liability in the financial statements, with the exception of indemnities for Winter Grain.

Winter Grain is planted in the fall, but is not harvested until the following fall. Therefore, crop yields for Winter Grain are not known until well after the annual financial statements have been prepared. Crop yields can fluctuate dramatically depending upon factors such as weather conditions during the growing and harvesting seasons. As a result, the occurrence and amount of losses relating to this year's crop, if any, cannot be reasonably estimated at this time and therefore no provision has been recorded in the financial statements. In most cases, the indemnity expense for Winter Grain will be recorded in the year it is paid.

6. Deferred contributions related to capital assets

Deferred contributions related to capital assets represent capital assets which were purchased by the Department of Agriculture on behalf of the Commission.

	2009	2008
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 318,478	\$ 202,536
Add: Capital assets acquired	2,676	179,040
Less: Capital asset disposed	(1,800)	-
Less: Amounts amortized to revenue	<u>(79,541)</u>	<u>(63,099)</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 239,813</u>	<u>\$ 318,477</u>

7. Related party transactions

Administrative expenses include \$30,000 (2008 - \$30,000) for rent and \$44,240 (2008 - \$NIL) for miscellaneous professional services that were charged to the Commission by the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture.

8. Government contributions

Under the crop insurance programs, producers pay 40% of the insurance premiums and the Federal and Provincial governments pay 36% and 24% respectively for the comprehensive portion of the insurance premiums. If an insurance premium contains a hi-cost portion, the Federal and Provincial governments pay a reduced proportion of the hi-cost portion of the insurance premium. The proportion of an insurance premium that is hi-cost varies by plan and coverage level depending on the base rate for that particular plan. Neither the Federal nor Provincial governments cost share in the insurance premiums of the livestock and poultry insurance program or in non-refundable deposits.

For the 2009 fiscal year, the Federal government contributed 60% (2008 - 60%) of the total administrative expenses for the crop insurance program with the Provincial government funding the remainder. The Provincial government funds all of the administrative costs of the livestock and poultry insurance programs. The premiums and administrative costs of the wildlife insurance plan is funded 60% by the Federal government and 40% by the Provincial government.

9. Receivable from the Department of Agriculture

During the year the Commissioner received funding from the Federal Government for administrative expenses based upon budgeted amounts rather than actual expenditures. Because actual expenditures were less than budgeted, the Federal Government overpaid its share of administrative expenses, and the Department of Agriculture underpaid the provincial portion of these expenses. The additional payment from the Federal Government will be offset against claims for expenses in 2009-10.

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10. Net change in non-cash working capital balances related to operations

	2009	2008
Increase (decrease) in cash from changes in:		
	\$ (286,388)	\$ (70,540)
Receivables	(307)	131,840
Accrued interest receivable	(210,212)	-
Receivable from Department of Agriculture	(5,333)	(971)
Increase in deposits for insurance	(4,876)	5,225
Unsettled indemnities	(1,384)	4,166
Deferred revenue	<u>210,212</u>	<u>-</u>
Deferred contribution	<u>\$ (298,288)</u>	<u>\$ 69,720</u>

11. Insurance coverage

The total insurance coverage as of March 31, 2009 was \$127,840,107 (2008 - \$70,817,637), comprising crop insurance of \$30,355,511 (2008 - \$27,905,247), livestock insurance of \$34,542,773 (2008 - \$34,713,567) and poultry insurance of \$62,941,822 (2008 - \$8,198,822).

The Province was party to an agreement with the Government of Canada whereby the Province made advances to a fund administered by the Government of Canada called the Crop Re-Insurance Fund of Canada for Nova Scotia. The purpose of this Fund was to assist the Province of Nova Scotia when there was a requirement by the Province to make advances to the Commission for the payment of crop insurance indemnities. Advances to this Fund were recorded by the Province as a loan receivable, although they have not been reflected in the accounting records of the Commission.

The total re-insurance premiums paid by the Province have amounted to approximately \$709,345. Management holds the opinion that the payment of these premiums was the responsibility of the Province. The matter remains unresolved as of March 31, 2009. The amount, if any, to be repaid to the Province will be recorded by the Commission at that time.

12. Pension and post-retirement benefits

All full time employees of the Commission are entitled to receive pension benefits pursuant to the provisions of a pension plan established under the Public Service Superannuation Act. The plan is funded by equal employee and employer contributions. The employer's contributions are included in the Commission's operating expenses. The Public Service Superannuation Fund is administered by the Department of Finance. The Commission is not responsible for any unfunded liability or other obligations related to post-retirement benefits. The pension expense incurred in the current year was \$35,932 (2008 - \$36,661).

13. Financial instruments

Credit risk management

The Commission is exposed to credit risk on the accounts receivable from its clients. In order to reduce its credit risk, the Commission has adopted credit policies which include the analysis of the financial position of its clients and the regular review of their credit limits. The Commission does not have a significant exposure to any individual client.

14. Economic dependence

The Commission is economically dependent upon the ongoing and future funding of the Nova Scotia and Federal governments.

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PREMIUM REVENUE AND INDEMNITY CLAIMS
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SCHEDULE A

	Premium Revenue			Indemnity Claims			
	Farmer	Federal	Provincial	2009	2008	2009	2008
Crop Insurance							
Spring grain	\$ 16,140	\$ 12,018	\$ 8,006	\$ 36,164	\$ 33,690	\$ 161,705	\$ 106,049
Winter grain	13,879	10,285	6,857	31,021	28,716	39,365	19,401
Tree fruit	135,767	142,020	94,979	372,766	340,717	244,368	298,037
Corn	54,148	46,680	31,120	131,948	107,407	-	61,882
Weather derivative	42,855	38,569	25,713	107,137	99,700	7,459	134,665
Blueberries	230,320	212,778	141,639	584,737	409,519	805,730	1,297,744
Strawberries and raspberries	4,054	2,891	1,930	8,875	7,469	-	42,808
Forage	492	444	296	1,232	2,267	-	-
Soybeans	9,023	7,972	5,318	22,313	15,194	6,344	68
Potatoes	10,881	9,524	6,356	26,761	52,888	-	-
Vegetables	61,642	43,729	29,153	134,524	128,968	355,415	70,169
	579,201	526,910	351,367	1,457,478	1,226,535	1,620,386	2,030,823
Livestock Insurance	30,929	-	-	30,929	29,031	32,600	174,473
Poultry Insurance	11,999	-	-	11,999	1,739	-	-
Wildlife Insurance	-	65,921	43,947	109,868	-	109,868	-
Total	<u>\$ 622,129</u>	<u>\$ 592,831</u>	<u>\$ 395,314</u>	<u>\$1,610,274</u>	<u>\$ 1,257,305</u>	<u>\$ 1,762,854</u>	<u>\$ 2,205,296</u>

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ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2009**

SCHEDULE B

	Insurance			Totals	
	Crop	Wildlife	Livestock and Poultry	2009	2008
Personnel	\$ 555,254	\$ 11,522	\$ 11,332	\$ 578,108	\$ 578,985
Transportation and communication	55,832	4,810	1,139	61,781	60,005
Information	5,115	646	104	5,865	10,113
Professional and special services	81,763	765	1,669	84,197	99,899
Office accommodation and equipment rental	35,642	881	727	37,250	34,888
Repair and maintenance of equipment	1,040	-	21	1,061	2,448
Materials and supplies	2,355	568	48	2,971	4,749
Central government services	<u>43,071</u>	<u>290</u>	<u>879</u>	<u>44,240</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 780,072</u>	<u>\$ 19,482</u>	<u>\$ 15,919</u>	<u>\$ 815,473</u>	<u>\$ 791,087</u>