



The General Managers of the four Atlantic Provinces are pleased to announce the recent hiring of Natasha McKillop as one of Atlantic Canada's two proAction Coordinators. Natasha began work on July 17 as a DFNS employee and has been familiarizing herself with the proAction program requirements and process. Natasha will be responsible for the implementation and maintenance of the program in the province of New Brunswick as well as zones 4-6 in Nova Scotia.

Please see below a message from Natasha:

I am excited to join the Atlantic team as your proAction Coordinator! In my previous 5 years with Holstein Canada, I have become very familiar with proAction, and I am very happy to become a part of the proAction program. Through that previous experience I have been very fortunate to participate in the Animal Care Module as a Certified Assessor. I also have experience with the Traceability Module and DairyTrace Reporting and Identification. My producer support, extension and outreach experiences will allow me to serve you well in this role. For a bit of my educational background/professional designations, I hold a BSc in Animal Science (NSAC), and MSc in Agriculture (Dal Faculty of Agriculture), I am a Cow Signals Advisor, and I currently hold Professional Agrologist designation with the Nova Scotia Institute of Agrologists. I am also member of the Dairy Cattle Welfare Council. I am an advocate for continual learning and so any chance I have to learn I take it, such as taking the High Performance Herd Certificate course through Dal AC. In an effort to serve you better, I will also be resuming my French as a second language course through L'Université Sainte-Anne.

I am very grateful to have this opportunity to continue to serve the producers of the Atlantic, and I can't wait to get started!

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