

**Workshop Title:**

Climate resilience in Maritime Farms

**Speaker:**

Bernard Soubry

**Executive Summary:**

Bernard Soubry presented the Wednesday Plenary with a presentation on climate resiliency in Maritime Farms. Many local farmers will either dispute it or complain about climate change. Action needs to happen now to prevent farms from failing in the future. The Maritimes has many small farms and those are best suited for adaption provided they act right away.

**Main Notes:**

- ◆ What is climate change in the Maritimes, what is climate resilience?
- ◆ Climate resilience is not changing your nature in the midst of change

*What are farmers using to assess and adapt to climate change*

- ◆ No sense in being worried about climate change because it's going to happen anyway
- ◆ People went all over the map on worrying about climate change
- ◆ We're not very good at climate change- understanding what it is and how to deal with it
- ◆ Warmer conditions may present opportunities for tourism and other
- ◆ Farmers have other stuff to do than worry about climate change
- ◆ We're really good at complaining about what we think will happen in the future- especially in the Maritimes

- ◆ If we start trying to worry about climate change when it comes to food, we will never get through the other problems
- ◆ If we want to build a better future we'll have to use imagination

*What's the role of small scale veg producer in a healthy sustainable and prosperous maritime food system- what does it mean to you to have a healthy food system?*

- ◆ Small farms can adapt quicker
- ◆ Change that's able to come from small places as well as large ones
- ◆ Positive difference
- ◆ Reduced vulnerability
- ◆ Build a future based on what we know we can do
- ◆ Transmungo
- ◆ Back casting- Ex. I need to be at the market by 7 so I need to be in the truck by 5 so I need to have the truck packed by 4:45
- ◆ Working backwards through the steps of doing things
- ◆ One of the major factors was consumer preference- something that they cannot predict or see before it happens-
- ◆ Government interference
- ◆ At the end of the day once you've done everything, you get a couple of things out of it no matter what happened or what went on during
- ◆ No matter what the world is going to end up being, there will always be a couple things that we can focus on doing
- ◆ The more knowledge that we can exchange, the better off we will be
- ◆ Climate change in the Maritimes is complicated to talk about