

Timber River Eco Farms

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Pirmin Kummer is the co-owner and manager of the Timber River Eco Farms. This agricultural operation is a mixed farm situated near the Northumberland Strait and neighbouring the beautiful Confederation Bridge that connects New Brunswick to Prince Edward Island. In a normal year, the farm produces 750 acres of potatoes, grain and forage crops, and raises approximately 90 head of beef-cattle.

Emphasis is placed on natural pest management, plant nutrition and health. Reduced or no-use of synthetic pesticides is practiced as well as keeping the protection of the natural environment at the forefront of daily activities. The farm does not use herbicides nor any genetically modified crops and keeps extensive records that are reviewed by a third party inspector.

Mr. Kummer makes use of forage based crop rotation, grassed headlands and mulching, whole seed potatoes, green sprouted seed, mechanical weeding, trap-ditches, a beetle-vacuum, and other biological methods to control potato beetles, mechanical top-killing, optimal ventilation and cooling in storage. Timber River Eco Farms is not currently certified, but the long-term plans are to have the entire farm certified organic.