ATTENTION GROWERS: There have been reports across the province of damage on shoot tips incurring from shearing during drought. During July of 2022, Nova Scotia faced many weeks of drought. Drought causes resins within trees to become less free flowing. When trees are sheared, they are unable to cover shear wounds fully and it can result in drying of the needles and shoot tips resulting in browning. It is important to note that damaged needles will drop by harvest and should not affect the marketability of trees.