

**Agricultural Institute of Canada
Honorary Members**

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Hewitt	James J.	British Columbia	1998	Minister of Agriculture for British Columbia for 12 years (1975-1987), during which time he was responsible for instituting progressive agriculture programs; seven years (1987-1994) as head of the Farm Credit Corporation; and continuing support for rural youth through the 4-H program.
McCurdy	William D.	Nova Scotia	1997	Operates Bidaloso Farms Limited, a 100-cow dairy operation, along with a sizable field crop operation in Colchester County. Long-standing member of the local Federation of Agriculture, the Soil and Crop Improvement Association and a keen supporter of 4-H activities. Past President of the Nova Scotia Milk Producers Association, member of the Nova Scotia Crop and Livestock Insurance Commission, and member of the Nova Scotia Dairy Commission. Served on the Canadian Milk Supply Management Committee and President of the Nova Scotia Forage Council and Canadian Forage Council.
Poole	Dorothy	Ontario	1995	AIC Executive Assistant responsible for the International Program. Helped make international development a priority activity for AIC, resulting in a major increase in funding from CIDA for AIC's Twinning Partnership Program beginning in 1991. Helped establish the Russia-Ukraine Partners in Progress Program, placing Canadian farmers and agricultural professional volunteers in Russia and the Ukraine on short-term assignments to assist in the transition to a free market economy. AIC employee 1982-1994.
Vaags	William		1994	Operates Royalean Feeders, a major sow farrow-to-finish operation in Dugald, Manitoba. Leader in the use of artificial insemination in swine. Chair of the Manitoba Hog Producers Marketing Board, 1979-90; Director for international trade and market development for Manitoba Pork.
Jahnke	Neil	Gouldtown, SK	1994	Cow-calf operator. Practices sustainable land management system for grazing. Has served as President of the Saskatchewan Stockgrowers Association, President of the Beef Information Centre and Chairman of the Canadian Beef Export Federation. Active promoter of the beef industry in the global market.
Sissons	Frank	Portage La Prairie, MB	1993	Pedigreed seed grower; founding member of the Manitoba Agricultural Hall of Fame; Past Vice President, Manitoba Pulse Growers' Association; representative of the farming community on the Manitoba Research Council. Portage Farmer of the Year 1984, Honorary Member of the Manitoba Institute of Agrologists.

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Morris	George F.	Chatham, ON	1993	Founding member and Past President of the Ontario Beef Improvement Association; Past President, Canadian Cattlemen's Association; 4-H leader; endowed and established the George Morris Centre at the University of Guelph, devoted to research on agricultural policy. Honorary Member of the Ontario Institute of Agrologists.
Turner	Edward (Ted) Kerr	SK	1988	Mr. Turner was elected director of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool in 1960, first vice-president in 1966 and became president in 1969, a position he held until 1987. During his 18 years as president he fought tenaciously for farm programs more relevant to the needs of farmers. He met with farmers on their home turf and carried their concerns to governments and to other farm groups provincially, nationally and internationally. He travelled the world on trade missions and participated in agricultural and trade-related conferences. He consulted regularly with key officials in Ottawa on agricultural policy. He served on the Conference Board of Canada and as chairman of Canada's International Trade Advisory Committee (ITAC) Task Force on Agriculture. He was advisor to the Canadian government delegation at International Wheat Agreement negotiations in Geneva in 1971 and 1978. Ted represented Canadian farmers at conferences of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers on six occasions. He served on the advisory committee to the Canadian Wheat Board (1969-1982). He was on the advisory committee to the Economic Council of Canada. (Source: Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame)
Whelan	Hon. Eugene F.	Windsor, ON	1987	Federal Minister of Agriculture 1972-1984 (excluding a brief period in 1979-80); under his guidance the Canadian Egg marketing Agency, the National Turkey Marketing Agency and the National Chicken Broiler Agency were established. A New Crop Development fund was established and a domestic feed grain policy and a feed storage program were introduced.
Sparrow	Senator Herbert	North Battleford, SK	1986	Mr. Sparrow was appointed to the Senate at the young age of 38 and it was there that he established his reputation as an advocate of preserving the environment. While chair of the Senate Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Committee he helped author a book, "Soil at Risk: Canada's Eroding Future." He was the founder and first president of Soil Conservation Canada. Out of this came the Save our Soils program, including grassing of waterways, seeding marginal and saline land to forages and reduced tillage. Herb Sparrow's crusade to spread the conservation message took him all over Saskatchewan and many places in Canada. He also addressed the United Nations Environment Program in Australia where he received the UNEP Medal and Certificate of Distinction for Soil Conservation. (Source: Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame)

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McCain	H. Harrison	Florenceville, NB	1986	Co-founder of McCain Foods Limited; Recognition of the positive impact of his work on Canadian agriculture during the past twenty-eight years.
Gjesdal	J. Harvey	Birch Hills, SK	1986	<p>Mr. Gjesdal and his family operate a 960-acre farm near Birch Hills where they produce grain and oilseeds. Harvey began pedigreed seed production in 1947, becoming a select grower in 1963. His skills in this area were recognized in 1961 when he received the Canadian Seed Growers' Robertson Associate award. He served as a director of the Saskatchewan Seed Growers as well as the Canadian Seed Growers Association. From youth he was deeply involved in community organizations, beginning with a 4-H grain club. He served on the Wheat Pool committee and later on the United Grain Growers local committee. He helped build and operate a 5,000-head cattle feedlot in his district. He was reeve of the Rural Municipality No. 460 for eight years and director of the provincial association.</p> <p>Mr. Gjesdal was on the organization committee for University Farm and Home Week, a board member of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame, for two years a public governor of the Winnipeg Commodity Exchange, a member of the advisory committee to the Canadian Wheat Board. He represents Saskatchewan on the advisory committee to the Farm Credit Corporation.</p>
Marshall, DSc, PAg	Henry Heard	MB	1985	<p>Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Morden</p> <p>Mr. Marshall studied native local hardy plants and crossed them with more tender but showy varieties. It was this strategy that led to some dramatic advances in plant breeding. Over forty introductions in several genera, many of which continue to be widely grown today, attest to the impact of Henry's work. For example, he started with the native prairie rose, <i>Rosa arkansana</i>, crosses were made between this hardy parent and the less hardy floribunda roses. The first generation cross, Assiniboine, was a stepping stone to the later improved cultivars such as; Cuthbert Grant, Adelaide Hoodless, Morden Cardinette, and Morden Centennial. Particularly in roses, the Parkland series has been the single most important advance in quality and hardiness for the prairie region. Four of Henry's cultivars outsell all other roses combined, and have received the Award of Merit. (Source: Manitoba Ag Hall of Fame)</p>
Condrashoff	Sergei F.		1985	Contributions to pest control through development and marketing of insecticidal soaps
Price	W. George		1984	Canadian farm broadcaster; CBC Agriculture and Resources Department
Mitchell	E. Donn	Douglas, MB	1982	Mr. Mitchell served as founding President, Douglas Sire Indexing Centre (the first of its kind in Canada); a member of the first Canadian Wheat Board Advisory Committee; a member of the Western Grain Stabilization Advisory Board; a member of the boards of Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba, Canada Western Agribition, Keystone Centre, and Royal Manitoba Winter Fair. Among his awards are: Mr. Manitoba Farmer; membership on the Honour Roll Canadian Hereford Association; Honorary Member of the Agricultural

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				Institute of Canada; designation as Manitoba's Premier Beef Producer.
Lea	Dobson	Jarvie, AB	1980	Throughout Dobson Lea's lifetime of farming in the Jarvie area, he has taken leadership roles at the local, provincial, national and international levels. He has been President of Unifarm from 1970-77, President of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, and an Executive Member of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers. He also has been a Director of the Alberta Pork Marketing Board, a member of the Advisory Committee of the Canadian Wheat Board and the Chairman of the Agricultural Stabilization Advisory Committee. Mr. Lea strongly supported agricultural policies that strengthen the economic position of the family farm, and firmly believed that farmland must be preserved so future generations can continue to enjoy the fruits of our land. (Source: Alberta Agriculture Hall of Fame)
Youngs	Clarence G.	Saskatoon, SK	1977	National Research Council Laboratory, Saskatoon
South	Gordon Archibald	Whittome, SK	1977	A leading pedigreed seed grower, Gordon South served as director, Saskatchewan branch, Canadian Seed Growers Association 1948-58 and was president 1955-57. He was on the national board of CSGA 1953-67 and served as president 1963-65. The CSGA named him Robertson Associate, their highest honor. He was a member of the Grain Standards Committee, Canadian Grain Commission, 1968-77. Gordon South was a school trustee and a 4-H Leader. He was president of the Saskatchewan Field Husbandry Association 1951-55 and in 1959 was named honorary life member. He was appointed to the agricultural advisory committee of the Saskatchewan Universities Commission. He served on a number of provincial advisory boards and commissions and as director of Saskatchewan Computer Corporation and Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan. (Source: Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame)
Franklin	George Edmund	Deloraine, MB	1977	The Franklin farm was a grain and cattle operation. Because of his concern for soil depletion and the possibility of erosion, Mr. Franklin took action to prevent either from happening. He stopped plowing in 1938 and later grew forage crops: brome, alfalfa and clover in rotation with other crops in order to prevent soil depletion. The 'water runs' in the fields were planted to grass and he stopped leaving land fallow in 1970. He and his son took part in the zero-tillage experiments in the '70s. Because of the high cost of chemicals, he reverted to conventional forms of cultivation. He felt that it was very important to pass on the farm in a better condition than when he inherited it. Some of the agricultural organizations in which Franklin participated and provided leadership were: Deloraine Agricultural Society; Board of Directors of Leighton Co-operative Elevator Association; Manitoba Pool Elevators; and the Manitoba Federation of Agriculture, as well as serving as the chairman of the Great Lakes Waterways Development Association and the public governor of the Winnipeg Commodity Exchange. Franklin in 1962 served on the Manitoba Trade Mission to Europe and in 1971

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				on the Canadian Advisory Group to the International Wheat Agreement discussions in Geneva, Switzerland. (Source: Manitoba Agricultural Hall of Fame)
Munro	Charles	ON	1976	A leader in agricultural organizations since his youth, Charles Munro has represented the farmers of Ontario on a local, provincial, national and international basis. He held executive positions with the Junior Farmers, West Zorra and Embro Agricultural Society and Oxford Holstein Breeders' Association. He was a member of the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association and the Federation of Agriculture and was recognized as a strong leader and eloquent spokesperson committed to the organization of agriculture. Charles Munro served as President of the Oxford Federation of Agriculture 1956-57, Ontario Federation of Agriculture 1967-1969, Canadian Federation of Agriculture 1969-78 and the International Federation of Agriculture 1972-74 (Source: Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame)
McNamara	Senator William	Winnipeg, MB	1976	Former Chief Grain Commissioner, Canadian Wheat Board
McDonald	Bruce	Winnipeg, MB	1975	Editor, Winnipeg Free Press
Stewart	Hon. Bill		1975	Former Minister of Agriculture and Food, Ontario
Jensen	Lalovee Rogers	Magrath, AB	1974	Lalovee Jensen of McGrath has devoted much time and interest to agriculture, particularly the production and marketing of sheep and sugar beets. He represented these commodities in the Alberta Federation of Agriculture for more than 20 years and was a founding member of Unifarm. Mr. Jensen is well-known for his development of the Polled Rambouillet Sheep over a 37-year period. He has served many agricultural organizations, including the Alberta Sugar Beet Growers, the Canadian Cooperative Wool Growers and the Canadian Sheep Marketing Council. (Source: Alberta Agriculture Hall of Fame)
Simonet	Robert	Edmonton, AB	1974	Robert Simonet is recognized as one of the world's leading plant breeders. His interest in genetics and plant breeding led to seed production and sales on an international scale. He was the first person in North America to develop 100 per cent double petunias. Prior to this discovery, the technique for producing 100 per cent doubles was a professional secret of Japanese plant breeders. Millions of gardeners and many commercial seed companies have benefitted from his work on petunias. He also developed new types of other flowers including gladioli and hollyhocks, new fruits, vegetables and numerous trees and shrubs. (Source: Alberta Agriculture Hall of Fame)
Moore	Lionel	Winnipeg, MB	1973	Prairie Regional Supervisor, CBC Farm and Fisheries Department
McAnsh	James		1972	Executive Director, Rapeseed Association of Canada
Hays	Hon. Harry W.	Calgary, AB	1972	Minister of Agriculture, 1963-65; appointed to the Senate (Liberal) 1966, served until his death in 1982. He advocated a minimum guaranteed income for farmers and a system

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				of marketing boards. During his tenure as minister the Dairy Commission Act was introduced establishing an agency to purchase, store and market dairy products. He was also responsible for the Farm Machinery Syndicate Credit Act which extended loans to farmers to buy machinery co-operatively. Hays also established the Veterinary College at Saskatoon and was responsible for expanding crop insurance and introducing a national farm accounting system. (Source: Wikipedia)
MacEwan	Hon. J.W. Grant	AB	1971	Lieutenant-Governor, Alberta
Sallans	Dr. Henry R.	Saskatoon, SK	1970	Director, Prairie Research Laboratory, National Research Council
Runciman	Alexander McInnis	Balcarres, SK	1968	Operated a grain and beef farm in the Abernathy/Balcarres district. He was secretary of the Abernathy local, United Grain Growers, 1953 to 1955 and then in 1955 was elected to the central board. He was chosen UGG president in 1961, a post he held for 20 years. He was first chairman of the Rapeseed Association of Canada, 1967-71 and first chairman of the Canada Grains Council, 1969-72. While a member of The Canadian Wheat Board Advisory Committee for 13 years he was an advisor to the Canadian delegation at International Wheat Agreement negotiations and GATT cereals negotiations. He served as director of The Canadian Federation of Agriculture, 1961-68. He was delegate to a number of world sessions of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers. (Source: Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame)
Hutton	George H.W.	Winnipeg, MB	1967	Mr. Hutton, a former Minister of Agriculture and Colonization for Manitoba, was awarded Honorary Membership in AIC in recognition of his contributions to Canadian agriculture, particularly his accomplishments in the development and implementation of programs which raised the economic and social status of rural people. Some of the major projects he helped implement in Manitoba were: Manitoba Crop Insurance, the Manitoba Hog Marketing Commission, the Interlake Development program, the Greater Winnipeg Floodway, the Portage Floodway Diversion, the Shellmouth Dam and the Manitoba Soil Testing Service. He was elected to the Manitoba Legislative Assembly in 1959, and was appointed Minister of Agriculture and Conservation on August 7, 1959. He resigned in 1966 to accept a posting with the UN/FAO World Food Program as a Field Project Officer in Ankara, Turkey. (<i>Agricultural Institute Review, July-August, 1968</i>)
Grant	T. Roy	Moncton, NB	1965	Following his military service in France, Belgium and Germany during World War I, Mr. Grant developed a dairy farm in Riverton. He later served as Livestock Services Fieldman with the Canada Department of Agriculture, Manager of Dakeyne Farm in Falmouth, and was in charge of the placement and supervision of British Boys with Nova Scotia farmers. He spent one year as Agricultural Representative in Annapolis County and then in 1937 became Assistant General Manager of Maritime Co-operative Services in Moncton. He gave strong support and leadership in several farm organizations. In recognition of his

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				<p>fifteen years as their Treasurer and for overall leadership, the Canadian Guernsey Breeders' Association made him an Honorary Member. He served as Secretary of the Maritime Federation of Agriculture from 1937 to 1962 and for six of these years was Secretary of the Maritime Food Council as well. Roy Grant provided strong and wise leadership in the development of farm policy at both regional and national levels. His interest in better organized marketing procedures led him into positions of heavy responsibility with marketing boards. He was Secretary-Manager of the Nova Scotia Potato Marketing Board and Secretary of the Export Potato Marketing Board in 1932 and 1933. His greatest contribution was in the development of organized hog marketing boards. (Source: Atlantic Agricultural Hall of Fame)</p>
Taylor	Senator Austin Claude	Moncton, NB	1964	<p>Austin Claude Taylor (June 20, 1893 – January 17, 1965) was a farmer, merchant and political figure in New Brunswick. Born in Salisbury, New Brunswick, he represented Westmorland County in the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick from 1935 to 1957. Appointed to the Executive Council as the Minister of Agriculture, he served under two Premiers from 1935 to 1952.</p> <p>Austin Taylor was the leader of the Liberal Party of New Brunswick from 1954 to 1956. On January 3, 1957 Taylor was appointed to the Senate of Canada by Canadian Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent as the representative for Westmorland, New Brunswick. He served in the Senate until his death in 1965. (Source: Wikipedia)</p> <p>Senator Taylor gave leadership in farm organizations at all levels, from local to international, and his contribution to the formation and administration of agricultural policy and legislation extended far beyond his province. As a Senator, he was active on the Special Committee on Land Use, which greatly assisted the passage of the Agricultural Rehabilitation and Development Act. (<i>Agricultural Institute Review, January-February 1965</i>)</p>
Parry	Charles E.	Lethbridge, AB	1964	
Fraser	Jack M.	Streetsville, ON	May 13, 1965	<p>Mr. Fraser, a native of Ontario, has built up an international reputation as a Holstein breeder and judge, whose cattle have helped establish acceptance of the breed in North and South America and in Great Britain. Mr. Fraser holds the Master Breeder's Shield, the highest award of the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada, of which he has also been President. He has been an active executive of other associations and cooperatives, and of national shows; he is not only a successful exhibitor but a Director and Member of the Executive committee, Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, and 1963-64 President, Canadian National Exhibition. He has judged across Canada and in the United States, notably at the National Dairy Congress; also at Palermo Argentina and twice at the Royal Show, Sydney, Australia, including their Golden Jubilee Show in 1964. (<i>Agricultural Institute Review, Jul-August, 1965</i>)</p>

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Steacie	E.W.R.	Ottawa, ON	1962	Former President, National Research Council
Wesson	John Henry	SK	1961	In 1924, Jack Wesson was elected to the board of directors of Saskatchewan Co-operative Wheat Producers Limited, later to be known as the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool. He became Pool president in 1937, on the death of Louis Brouillette, and continued in that role until his retirement in 1960. He was active in bringing most of the major farm organizations of Canada together in the Canadian Federation of Agriculture in 1937, and became first president of that organization. Following the end of World War II, he worked with leaders of farm movements in other countries to bring about the establishment of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers. (Source: Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame)
Chalmers	Mr. F.W.	Edmonton, AB	1961	Canada Packers Edmonton
Anderson	Carl J.	Brooks, AB	1960	Carl Anderson's community service began in 1920 with the United Farmers of Alberta and he continued as a board member for ten years. He successfully managed a shipping association and two feeder organizations in the Brooks area. Mr. Anderson helped bring about purchase of the Eastern Irrigation District from the CPR in 1935 and was board chairman for seven years. He served the Alberta Federation of Agriculture and the Alberta Livestock Cooperative, and in 1960 was made an honorary member of the Agricultural Institute of Canada. (Source: Alberta Agriculture Hall of Fame)
Massey	C.H. Vincent		1960	Former Governor-General of Canada
Spinks	Dr. John William Tranter	Saskatoon, SK	1959	President, University of Saskatchewan; He immigrated to Canada in 1930 to a post as assistant professor of chemistry at the University of Saskatchewan. In the Second World War he first served as operational research officer in the Royal Canadian Air Force and later was transferred to the joint British-Canadian atomic energy project. Returning to the university in 1945 he initiated studies in the use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes. He pioneered work in the use of radioactive isotopes to measure plant use of fertilizer, to measure phosphorous and calcium in eggs, movement of wireworms, dispersion of grasshoppers, mosquitoes and blackflies. Out of these grew a broad range of studies that attracted international attention. John Spinks was appointed head of the chemistry department in 1948, dean of graduate studies in 1949 and from 1960 to 1975 he served as president of the University of Saskatchewan. (Source: Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame)
Sen	Dr. B.R.	New York	1958	Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), United Nations
Wright	Dr. H.P.	Calgary, AB	1958	Leadership in agriculture: production and distribution of seed grains

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Noble	Charles S.	Nobleton, AB	1958	A native of Indiana, Mr. Noble settled in Alberta in 1903. A life-long farmer, his energy and persistence lead the way in the techniques of large scale dry land farming. His emphasis on power farming, cultivation techniques and equipment development set the pace for much of today's progress in field culture. By developing and manufacturing his own implements he demonstrated that it was possible to run a successful commercial implement concern in a rural community. (Source: Alberta Agriculture Hall of Fame)
Skinner, MBE, LLD, FRHS	Frank Leith	Dropmore, MB	1955	Skinner's Nursery, Dropmore, Manitoba "Dr. Frank Leith Skinner was one of Canada's most innovative horticulturists and plant propagators. He resided in Dropmore, Manitoba, where his farm served as the natural laboratory for breeding new strains of plants capable of surviving the harsh prairie climate. Although he was isolated from other breeders, Dr. Skinner's rugged independence, persistent efforts and patience made him a leading authority on plant hardiness." <i>Manitoba Dept of Cultural Affairs and Historical Resources publication on Dr Skinner, 1981</i> Dr. Skinner was celebrated for developing many species including a large variety of lilies and roses. He was perhaps most famous for his lilacs and honeysuckles. (Source: Frank Skinner Arboretum Corporation)
Sauder	Penrose Melvine	Lethbridge, AB	1955	In 1904, Mr. Sauder began a career in irrigation which was to last until his death in 1971. Through his untiring efforts, thousands of acres of dry prairie lands of southern Alberta now prosper under irrigation. In 1906, he instituted the first regular hydrometric surveys in southern Alberta and Saskatchewan. His dedication to his work earned him recognition by the Engineering Institute of Canada, the Agricultural Institute of Canada and the University of Alberta. (Source: Alberta Agriculture Hall of Fame)
Stothers	Thomas	Toronto, ON	1954	
Hubbard	William Woodbridge		1953	William W. Hubbard was secretary of the New Brunswick Farmers and Dairyman's Association, 1889-1903; secretary-treasurer of the Maritimes Stock Breeders' Association, 1896; superintendent of Farmers' Institutes in New Brunswick; managing director of Canada's International Exhibition, Saint John, 1902-1904; New Brunswick representative of the Dominion Dairy Commission, 1892-1896; editor of the Maritime Farmer (Sussex) 1895-1901; editor of Homestead (Halifax), 1902; and agricultural agent of C.P.R., 1902-1904. From 1905-1908, Hubbard was official organizer of the Conservative Party in the New Brunswick legislature; member and secretary of the New Brunswick Royal Agricultural Commission, 1908-1909; and served as secretary for Agriculture under D.V. Landry, 1910-1912. He was an official reporter of the Legislative Assembly, 1908-1910. In 1912 he became the first director of the Dominion Experimental Station at Fredericton. He resigned in 1922 to pursue his interest in fruit growing. He was president

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				of the New Brunswick Fruit Growers Association and director of the Maritime Board of Trade. (Source: Archives Canada)