

Canadian Animal Industries Award in Extension and Public Service

Dr Paul McCaughey

This award is presented to a member of the Canadian Society of Animal Science in recognition of sustained outstanding service to the animal industries of Canada in technology transfer, leadership and education in animal production. The contributions must be distinct from those of research. The recipient of the award may be employed in any sector of the Canadian Animal Industry. The award is sponsored by Dairy Farmers of Canada, Canadian Pork Council and Chicken Farmers of Canada.

Dr. Paul McCaughey was born in Belfast, Ireland and immigrated to Canada where he completed his B.Sc. (Agr) at the University of Guelph in 1978 and his MSc and PhD, again at Guelph in 1986 and 1989, respectively. Paul has established himself as a prominent researcher who extends his knowledge all the way to the producer and is known across Canada for his work on grazing. Paul is an excellent communicator and commits time to ensure the message gets out there. He has numerous extension publications, including over 100 extension articles and technology transfer releases.

Dr. Paul McCaughey is Mr Aalfalfa grazing@ of Canada. Through his enthusiasm and dedicated work, Paul has promoted the idea of pasture finishing of beef cattle emphasizing the role of alfalfa in the grazing complex. Over the years Paul has identified the major needs and opportunities of the grazing industry in Manitoba and the Aspen Parkland area of Western Canada. He has developed an excellent research and extension education program on pasture management at the Brandon Research centre. As a result he has been invited to speak at grazing conferences and workshops all across western Canada. He is noted for taking the time and interest in ensuring that his knowledge and information is transferred to the producer and extension agrologists in an easy to understand and practical manner. This makes Paul a popular person on the speakers' circuit across the west.

Dr. McCaughey established a dynamic beef production program at Brandon, which is recognized for adopting a truly integrated approach to beef production. He has been involved in the many extension and educational activities this group puts on including the annual field day. In 2000 however, Paul took time away from his normal schedule to pursue an MBA at the University of Guelph. This knowledge will further allow Paul to address the needs of producers, adding an economic interpretation to his research.

Dr. McCaughey has published widely on the subject of forages and beef with over 25 scientific articles, 30 proceedings and abstracts and 100 technology transfer publications to his name.

Dr. McCaughey is an active adjunct professor at the University of Manitoba, where he supervises several graduate students. He is also involved with several co-operative forage and beef research projects with members of the Departments of Animal and Plant Sciences. He is an active member of the Manitoba Forage Council, the Western Forage/Beef Network and is an associate member of the Canadian Journal of Plant Science.

Dr. McCaughey was nominated for this award by Duane McCartney. The Canadian Society of Animal Science is pleased to present the Canadian Animal Industries Award in Extension and Public Service to Dr. Paul McCaughey in recognition of his contributions in developing and extending grazing technologies to the livestock sector.