



CANADIAN AGRICULTURAL HALL *of* FAME

Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame gala welcomes four new inductees for 2024

Toronto, ON [November 5, 2024] – Four accomplished Canadians were aptly celebrated for their lifelong contributions to advancing Canadian agriculture when they were formally inducted into the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame on November 2 at a ceremony in Toronto, Ontario. The 2024 inductees are Dr. Bruce Coulman, Dr. Michael Eskin, Paul Larmer and Dr. Charles Vincent.

“We are so proud to shine a bright spotlight on the achievements these individuals have made throughout their careers – advancing forage crops, canola, cattle genetics and entomology – for the benefit of Canadian agriculture,” says Phil Boyd, chair of the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame. “While their areas of focus cover a wide swath of the agricultural industry, they share a common passion and curiosity to innovate, lead and inspire – qualities that continue to bring opportunity to the Canadian agriculture and agri-food sector. We are honoured to count them among the more than 250 inductees in the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame.”

Dr. Bruce Coulman is an award-winning forage crop researcher who developed 24 novel forage crop varieties throughout his 40+ year professional career. Bruce’s forage breeding work shaped the future for the profitable production of forage seed and forage crops for cattle feed as a researcher at McGill University, professor and department head at the University of Saskatchewan, and then at Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada’s Saskatoon Research Centre. Many of his forage varieties were industry firsts including bloat-reduced alfalfa, hybrid bromegrass and smooth-awned forage barley. Dr. Bruce Coulman lives in Saskatoon, SK and was nominated by the Crop Development Centre at the University of Saskatchewan.

Dr. Michael Eskin is a trailblazing canola researcher whose work made groundbreaking contributions to the early development and refinement of canola oil. A distinguished professor at the University of Manitoba, Michael’s work helped transform the quality and stability of canola oil, expanding the market for this quintessential Canadian crop on an international scale. He also played a pivotal role in establishing canola oil as an important heart healthy addition to the Canadian diet, extending the benefits of this golden oil to include producers, the economy and consumers. Dr. Michael Eskin lives in Winnipeg, MB and was nominated by the University of Manitoba.

Paul Larmer has dedicated his professional life to improving cattle genetics and establishing Canada as a global leader. From his early days as a dairy cattle sire analyst, to overseeing the formation of the Semex Alliance and 17 years at the helm as CEO, Paul’s lifetime leadership and vision have made a profound impact on the success of the Canadian farmer-owned companies in the global cattle breeding improvement industry. A mentor to many, Paul seamlessly led Semex through a transition from a Canadian company exporting Canadian genetics to an international company providing global solutions in cattle genetics. Paul Larmer lives in Guelph, ON and was nominated by Semex.

Dr. Charles Vincent is an internationally respected leader in agricultural entomology. A research scientist with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, and accomplished science communicator, Charles has spent 40 years studying insects of economic impact on Canadian food production, guided by a vision for developing sustainable agricultural systems that are commercially viable with the lowest environmental impact possible. His work, including the development of the first viral insecticide registered for use in Canada, provides practical tools that have considerably reduced the quantity of insecticides used in commercial production, including apples, grapes and blueberries. Dr. Charles Vincent lives in Saint-Lambert, QC and was nominated by Co-Lab R&D division d’Ag-Cord inc.

For more information on these inductees, visit www.cahfa.com where videos and citations are posted – search under “Inductees.”

The Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame Association (CAHFA) honours and celebrates Canadians for outstanding contributions to the agriculture and food industry. Portraits are on display in the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame Gallery located at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. The CAHFA also publicizes the importance of inductee achievements to Canada. The Association was organized in 1960 and is administered by a 12-person volunteer Board of Directors residing in regions across Canada. www.cahfa.com

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Photo of 2024 CAHF Inductees with portraits (l to r): Senator Mary Robinson, Dr. Bruce Coulman, Dean Martin Scanlon, University of Manitoba (representing Dr. Michael Eskin), Paul Larmer, Dr. Charles Vincent, Senator Rob Black.