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INAUGURAL HALL OF FAME HONOURS IT'S FIRST SIX INDUCTEES

Richmond, QC – July 13, 2024 – The Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association (CSBA) is honoured to welcome it's first six inductees into it's Hall of Fame during the inaugural year.

Incorporated in 1900, the CSBA has a deep and enriched history. This initiative is designed to recognize and celebrate the extraordinary contributions of individuals who have positively impacted the purebred sheep industry in Canada. It is highlighting those whose exceptional achievements and lifetime dedication have paved the way for success and set a standard of excellence which will continue to inspire others for years to come.

Inductees were nominated and presented to the CSBA Board of Directors by the All Canada Sheep Classic Host Committee and were approved to have shown unwavering dedication and support to the purebred sheep industry on local, provincial and national levels.

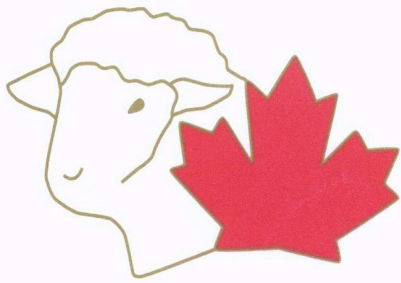
“The Canadian purebred sheep industry is full of passionate people who have and continue to dedicate their time and effort to improving the quality of animals, genetics and research within our sector,” says Bernadette Nikkel, chair of CSBA. “We are proud to recognize these individuals and their outstanding leadership, commitment and dedication to improving sheep farming in Canada.”

The 2024 Quebec inductees are:

1. Peter J. Conway
2. Louis-Philippe McCarthy
3. Jacquelin Moffet
4. Lois Lovette Laberge & Robert Laberge
5. Théo Montmigny
6. Trenholm Nelson

Full information on the contribution of these individuals can be found on the Société des Éleveurs de Moutons de Race Pure du Québec (SEMRPQ) [website](#).

Peter J. Conway (1931-2013) Mr. Peter Conway played a significant and influential role in the sheep farming sector, as a breeder of Suffolk and Dorset sheep and particularly through his involvement in various associations. Having served many years as president of both SEMRPQ and CSBA his focus on financial stability of the both the provincial and national sheep industry paved the way for successful investments, such as establishing institutions like CEPOQ and funding advancements in genetics. In summary, through his exceptional contributions and enlightened leadership, Peter Conway deeply influenced the development and vitality of sheep farming in Canada, leaving a lasting legacy in the industry.



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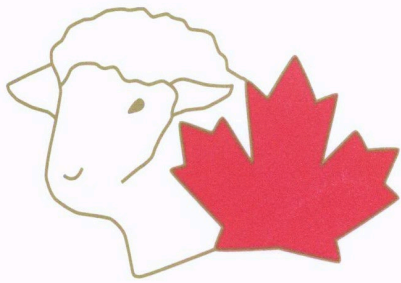
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Louis-Phillipe McCarthy (1914-2004) Louis-Philippe McCarthy was a breeder of Border Leicester sheep, which he began at the age of 17. He exhibited his animals for 70 years at Expo Quebec, from 1930 to 2000, making him the longest-serving exhibitor in the province of Quebec. A founding member of SEMRPQ in 1945, he served as an administrator for over 30 years, including 10 years as president. Passionate about conformation, his animals were carefully selected, and he shared his knowledge with other breeders. The McCarthy prefix was known for its high genetic quality and sought after by Leicester enthusiasts, both in Quebec and the rest of Canada, where he sold numerous animals. A builder, unifier, and lover of life and others, his passion for breeding was passed on to his grandchildren, some of whom follow in his footsteps.

Jacqueline Moffet (1953-2020) Jacquelin Moffet is a well-known figure in the purebred sheep sector in Quebec and Canada. An elite breeder of Suffolk sheep, the Syljack farm prefix was renowned for the superior quality of its livestock. While also having bred other breeds throughout his life, including Hampshire, Dorset, and Oxford, he often said: there is only one good breed, the Suffolk! Mr. Moffet significantly contributed to the development of the purebred sector in Quebec having served as president of the SEMRPQ for 24 years, from 1992 to 2016. During his tenure at SEMRPQ, he contributed to the establishment of the Quebec Sheep Production Expertise Center (1998), managed the replacement ewe program, sat on the sheep industry committee, participated in provincial and national organized sales, managed and developed the Quebec Sheep Insemination Center (CIOQ), and much more. It was also during his presidency that the first sheep classification program was established for purebred breeders. Mr. Moffet will always remain a leading figure in purebred breeding in Quebec, influencing many breeders who are still active in the industry. The defense of the interests of purebred breeders has always been a priority for Jacquelin and remains a core value within the organization.

Lois Lovette Laberge (1931-2004) & Robert Laberge (1932-) Lois and Robert Laberge began sheep farming in 1963 breeding Hampshire sheep, then later adding Border Leicester. They participated in the inaugural Canadian Classic held in Brandon, Manitoba. They were pioneers in importing Hampshire genetics, sourcing from Oregon and later from England. From the inception of the Program Record of Performance (R.O.P.), they were convinced of the importance of data for genetic improvement. They were involved in their association, SEMRPQ, as directors: Lois from 1972 to 1974 and on the board of directors of CSBA. Lois, as a woman, was a true pioneer. She is likely the first Canadian woman to own a flock, hence the name LOMANCO, Lois Manasan Company. She founded the Fédération Ovine du Québec (F.O.Q.), now known as LÉOQ. She was appointed as a director at the Régie des Assurances Agricoles du Québec (RAAQ). In 2004, a scholarship in her name was established to support young people pursuing agricultural studies. A joint nomination is rather rare. Anyone who has met them would agree on the inseparable impact of this remarkable duo. They formed an exemplary team characterized by fairness, respect, and inclusivity.



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Théo Montmigny - Théo Montminy is a breeder of North Country Cheviot and Suffolk sheep. He is among the Quebec breeders who have raised purebred sheep for the longest number of years, having bred purebred sheep for over 50 years. Théo Montminy was a faithful participant in national sales, whether at the Classics or the Maritime sales. He even participated in North Country Cheviot national sales in the USA in the past. Together with his family, and especially with his wife Gaetane, they always successfully presented their animals at agricultural exhibitions, winning top honors. Mr. Montminy also served as a judge at various agricultural exhibitions during his breeding career. Involved and passionate about purebred breeding, Mr. Montminy served as a director at SEMRPQ (Société des Éleveurs de Moutons de Race Pure du Québec) from 1979 to 1982. Now retired, Théo still participates in events organized by SEMRPQ and shares his experience and expertise with the new generation of purebred breeders in Quebec.

Trenholm Nelson – Trenholm Nelson is a breeder of purebred Suffolk, Texel, and Dorset sheep. He was among the first three breeders to import purebred Texel sheep to Canada and the first to import genetics from Denmark in 1992. Mr. Nelson has made significant contributions to purebred sheep breeding in Quebec and Canada. For many years, he has invested his time and energy in working towards the development and promotion of this sector. Notably, Mr. Nelson served on the SEMRPQ board of directors for 29 consecutive years, from 1995 to 2024. He was a pillar of the organization, providing frank opinions, experience, and knowledge to new administrators. Throughout his many years of involvement, Mr. Nelson has been engaged in various provincial and national issues. Before the border closure in 2004, he worked on export matters and liaised with overseas buyers. He also represented Canada on several occasions during trips to Mexico to showcase the genetic quality of Quebec and Canadian livestock. He served on the CSBA for 18 years, being its President from 2009 to 2016, and as a committed director, he greatly contributed to the promotion of purebred breeding. Smiling, teasing, professional, and dedicated to his work, he positively impacted those he interacted with on the various boards he served on over the years.

It is the CSBA mission to represent all Canadian sheep breeders by providing leadership aimed at ensuring the integrity and genetic advancement of purebred sheep through cooperative work among all levels of government and industry-related organizations, both domestic and international, to enhance the viability, growth and prosperity of the Canadian sheep industry.

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