



Agricultural Service Board

Subject:	Calgary Stampede BMO Farm Family Report
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REPORT SUMMARY

Each year since 1996, the Calgary Stampede has recognized outstanding agricultural families who exemplify the value of the “family farm” to rural communities and to society in general. Agricultural Service Boards from across southern Alberta are asked to nominate a deserving family for recognition at the Stampede.

ADMINISTRATION’S RECOMMENDATION

Administration recommends that the Agricultural Service Board selects the Rocky View County Master Farm Family Award winner from 2024 be the 2025 Calgary Stampede BMO Farm Family Award nominee.

BACKGROUND

The Calgary Stampede has a long tradition of bringing people together to celebrate the successes and the unique spirit of the community. They strive to engage Albertans in the celebration of western heritage and values, as well as to showcase Alberta to the world.

DISCUSSION

It has been the Agricultural Services Board’s practice to nominate one of Rocky View County’s previous Master Farm Family Award winners in the chronological order that they were recognized by Rocky View County.

ALTERNATE DIRECTION

Administration has no alternate direction for the Board’s consideration.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A: Calgary Stampede Farm Family 2025 Nomination Form
- Attachment B: Farm Families Throughout the Years



2025 BMO Bank of Montreal FARM FAMILY AWARDS

PURPOSE:

Promote a relationship between urban and rural people,

Focus on agriculture at the Calgary Stampede, and

Increase awareness of the high ideals of the way of life in agriculture and the many opportunities of rural citizenship.

OBJECTIVES:

Recognize, on an annual basis, outstanding Southern Alberta farm families (in or south of Township 34) who best typify the value of the family farmer to our rural communities and society in general, and

Honour these families at the 2025 Calgary Stampede.

SELECTION COMMITTEE AT THE LOCAL LEVEL: Agricultural Service Board

GUIDELINES FOR SELECTION:

Please select a family deserving of recognition for both agricultural and community involvement. The farm family must be active in primary agriculture, have agriculture as the main source of income and have members residing on the farm (agribusiness not eligible).

The method of selection is up to the individual Agricultural Service Board. It is important that the family selected be the representative of the municipality from which they are chosen. *It is also important to keep in mind that this program focuses on recognizing the contribution to the enhancement of quality of life as a family unit, not necessarily the business of farming.*

In the case of a nomination where more than one farmer or farm couple within a family unit is being named, a primary contact must be identified for communication purposes.

NOTE: A form for the collection of additional information will be forwarded to the family upon receipt of this nomination. Completion and submission of this form will be their responsibility. You will not be required to provide any further information after that time.

The Calgary Stampede reserves the right to decline a nomination.



Rocky View County Master Farm Family Award Winners

- 1989 – Wineglass Ranch, Cochrane
- 1990 – Lance & Heather Wheeler, Dalemead
- 1991 – Joe & Nancy Jeffray, West Airdrie
- 1992 – Daryl & Evelyn Winkler, Langdon
- 1993 – Roy & Diana Woolliams, West Airdrie
- 1994 – Gordon & Christine Bishop, Langdon
- 1995 – Ken & Caren Sackett, Crossfield
- 1996 – Greg & Cheryl Rockafellow, Crossfield
- 1997 – Raymond & Liz Havens, Madden
- 1998 – Harold & Marion Randall, Kathyrn
- 1999 – Scott & Carol McKay, East Airdrie
- 2000 – Neil & Bev Miller, Dalemead
- 2001 – Hanson Ranches, Ron & Renie, Wayne & Rhonda, Airdrie
- 2002 – Lamb Cattle Co., John & Kim Lamb, Balzac
- 2003 – Cairns Feed Yard, Larry & Joan, D.J. & Pam, Madden
- 2004 – No Nominees (BSE crisis year)
- 2005 – Don & Marlene Farquharson, Madden
- 2006 – Scott Stock Farm, Earl & Jon Scott, Crossfield
- 2007 – Jim Dunn Family, Cochrane
- 2008 – Walsh Family Farms, Madden
- 2009 – Dennis & David Rowney Families, Madden
- 2010 – Lloyd & Gary Malyk Families, Airdrie
- 2011 – Morison Family Farms, Rod & Cheryl Morison, Airdrie
- 2012 – Rocky View Farms, Eric Longeway, Springbank
- 2013 – Jones Hereford Ranch, Allen & Shannon Jones, Balzac
- 2014 – Darcey & Leisa Gallelli, Crossfield
- 2015 – Taks Farm, Murray & Reba Taks, Crossfield
- 2016 – Lazy M Ranches, Doug & Patti-Ann Milner, Crossfield
- 2017 – Marshall and Teresa Copithorne, of CL Ranches Ltd
(declined Stampede Farm Family due to working w/ Stampede – noted conflict of interest)
- 2018 – Don & Betty Schissel, of DA Schissel & Son, Beiseker
- 2019 – Ron and Donna Hurt, of Cross Rock Ranch Ltd, Crossfield
- 2020 – no recipient due to COVID-19
- 2021 – no recipient due to COVID-19
- 2022 – Cleveland Ventures Ltd Keith & Rhonda Cleveland
- 2023 – Long Acre Ranch Tracy Hanson & Earl Munro
- 2024 – Woolliams Farms Ltd. (Larry, Kourtney, Paige & Trace)
- 2025 –