

Honour Roll Christian (Spence) Sutter



The Canadian Hereford Association congratulates Christian “Spence” Sutter, for his induction into the 2016 Honour Roll.

Spence was born in Arcola, Saskatchewan January 6th, 1950 - the second of five siblings. His Grandfather, Christian B. Sutter arrived from Minnesota in 1906 to file a land claim and start farming the virgin prairie. The first Herefords were purchased in 1919 and in 1926, ten polled Herefords were added to the herd. After returning from WWII, Spence's father Christian Tyndall took over and named the farm Aqua Hollow Polled Herefords. The family has been farming the same land for 110 years and Polled Herefords have been an important part of the operation for 90 continuous years. Spence's grandchildren are the fifth generation of Sutters to live on their land.

Spence was always interested in the farm and was active in 4H as a youngster. After attending the University of North Dakota in 1972 for Business and Commerce, he spent a brief stint at an accounting firm before returning home to farm with his brothers. On December 31st, 1973, Spence married Janice Fraser, and together they expanded the cow herd when his brothers decided to go straight grain. They raised four children and have two grandchildren.

Spence was active in many shows and sales including the Regina Bull Sale and Agribition, the Southeast Saskatchewan Hereford Sale, the Southern Supreme Sale, the Sale of Distinction, Premium 7 and the Distaff Productions Sale with Cleggs and Johnsons. He has found success in the show ring with many local and provincial champions. He has also judged many 4H and purebred cattle shows throughout Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Spence was one of the founding directors that helped to initiate the All-Breed Test Center north of Regina.

Spence has been active for many years on various Hereford boards and committees. He has been President of the South-East Saskatchewan Hereford Zone, Board member for the Saskatchewan Hereford Association and the Canadian Hereford Association,

and was the CHA President in 1997. He was always a strong presence at any and all Hereford activities, lending a hand whenever needed at events and sales in SE Saskatchewan. Spence has hosted many tours, including the 2012 World Hereford Conference Tour and has exported both cattle and semen to numerous countries including England, Kazakhstan, the Czech Republic, Japan, South Africa, Australia and the USA.

In addition to his involvement in the Hereford community, Spence is also deeply involved in his local community. He has been a part of many large projects including chairing the local Recreation Board. Spence was President of the Minor Hockey board as well as Coach and was instrumental in bringing artificial ice to the local rink. He was also on the United Grain Growers board, is the current Rural Municipality of Antler #61 Councillor and he chairs the Redvers and District Health Foundation.

