

DARYL KIRTON

The Canadian Hereford Association congratulates Daryl Kirton on his induction into the Canadian Hereford Association's Honour Roll.

Daryl was born in Vancouver in 1948 where his family had a small dairy herd, K-Mar Jerseys, on Lulu Island (where the airport is now located). In the early 60s when Daryl was 13, his family purchased a farm in Armstrong, BC and moved the dairy herd. Despite his age and lack of a driver's license, Daryl drove one of the family truck's loaded with cats, milking equipment and miscellaneous items to the new farm. At one point he had to stop at a scale and when he found he was overloaded jettisoned a bunch of stuff he deemed was disposable. The truck was re-weighed, and although still slightly overweight, he was allowed to continue his journey. They never did check to see if he had a driver's license!

Daryl and his mom ran the dairy in Armstrong throughout his teenage years and he completed high school at Armstrong Secondary School. Daryl decided to expand into hogs at that time and at one point he had more than one thousand hogs. After school Daryl wanted to continue to expand his hog business but, his father didn't agree so Daryl returned to the coast and began to work as an inspector for the Health of Animals branch in Abbotsford. He travelled all over the province doing TB testing, blood tests and milk tests.

Linda Boury was a teacher Daryl met at a local bar when she was out with some friends. Despite a warning from her sister that Daryl was "not her type," the couple were married in 1971 and are now closing in on their 50th wedding anniversary! The couple have two children, Denise Sweet and Darren Kirton and four grandchildren.

Daryl's involvement with Hereford cattle began when his daughter Denise was in 4-H. She and Daryl attended the Candy Cane herd dispersal where they bought their first heifers. Son Darren also got involved and bought a heifer from Jimmy Dusange (J-Bar-D Herefords, Abbotsford). All the animals were registered in the children's names for Bonanza purposes.

Daryl, Denise, Darren and Linda morphed into 3-D-L for a farm name and herd prefix. Since then, the number of cattle has ranged from four to 70, increasing and decreasing depending on the amount of land Daryl and Linda have been able to rent.

3-D-L Herefords have taken bulls to the Williams Lake Bull Sale for over 20 years and have also sold in the Yellowhead Annual Select Sale and the Evergreen Sale. He has shown cattle at both Farmfair and Agribition and 3-D-L bulls have been enrolled in



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the BC Hereford Bull Test Station and the Canadian Hereford Association RFI test in Olds, AB. Show highlights include champions at the West Coast MOE Show, Williams Lake Bull Sale. He was also one of the first BC Members to have a donor dam approved for embryo transplant. Daryl has sold and purchased cattle, embryos and semen across Canada and overseas.

A director on the BC Hereford Association for over 20 years, he has also served as CHA Director from 2010 to 2020, including a stint as president. He has acted as a Hereford representative at the Williams Lake Bull Sale and has played an active role in Bonanza 2009 at Princeton and again in 2017 at Abbotsford.

Daryl has curled in the BC Men's Curling Championship on several occasions and has served as a curling official for over 30 years at the provincial, national and international levels. He was awarded: "Official of the Year" by Curl BC in March 2020.