

Castleland Ranch (Ted & Olive Perrin)

Ted and Olive Perrin own and operate the 12,775 acre Castleland Ranch in the Northern Mixed Prairie near Beechy, Saskatchewan. Castleland Ranch is a recognized leader in range management in the Canadian ranching industry. Forward-thinking and conservative range management on Castleland Ranch ensures sustainable grazing resources through extremes in climatic conditions over the short- and long-term. Many of the long-standing management approaches of Castleland Ranch are new technology for many producers.

Drought is a fact of life and an overriding consideration in the management of Castleland Ranch. The Perrin's recognize the value of planned grazing systems that include conservative stocking rates, resting of plants during the growing season, once-over grazing, balanced forage availability and livestock numbers, and drought-proofing. Maintaining relatively stable animal numbers from year-to-year has been a major benefit derived from drought-proofing the range on Castleland Ranch.

Environmental stewardship on Castleland Ranch has been recognized by their receiving The Saskatchewan Environmental Stewardship Award, The Canadian Environmental Stewardship Award and the Prince Philip Heritage Award. The Perrin's have cooperated with several conservation organizations, and they have been involved in rangeland studies conducted by universities.

Ted and Olive Perrin are extensively involved in the ranching industry and community activities. Ted was a member of a contingent of ranchers and rangeland specialists belonging to the Society for Range Management that toured rangelands of Inner Mongolia in 1990, sharing technology and range management practices. Ted is also a mentor for local producers desiring to improve their range management.

Ted and Olive Perrin realize that ranching and range management are all about conserving natural resources for future generations. The Perrin's strive to maintain a high quality of life and a lifestyle that is as rich, diverse, and generous as the landscape in which Castleland Ranch is located. Applying principles of range management that allow sustainable use of rangeland resources have been rewarding as evidenced by humble and happy landowners as well as healthy rangelands.

Ted and Olive Perrin of Castleland Ranch are deserving recipients of the 2006 Outstanding Achievement Award.

