

Mr. McCartney's contributions to range management have been substantial with most of his contributions being in the planted pasture arena rather than the more traditional rangeland management arena. This is largely because planted pastures are key components of rangeland grazing systems in the Aspen Parkland region of Alberta and Saskatchewan. Moreover, where operations include significant amounts of native rangeland, his work has allowed operators to delay and shorten their native rangeland grazing period which is of direct benefit to the rangeland resource.



Mr. McCartney is held in high esteem by both his colleagues and customers. This is because of his: In the past 5 years alone, 1) his research accomplishments include 24 refereed journal articles, 27 conference proceedings, and 8 "other" publications; 2) 50 written and 34 oral technical and semi-technical presentations. 3) the many distinguished professional awards he has received; and 4) the many significant leadership roles he has enjoyed on both a national and international level such as organizing numerous conferences including the International Grasslands Congress in Winnipeg and Saskatoon which hosted 1100 people from 90 countries for a 2-week period, presenting the opening address at the same Congress; forming a Canadian Chapter, Society for Range Management for Saskatchewan and Manitoba, serving as President of the Northern Great Plains Section of SRM (North Dakota, eastern Montana, Saskatchewan, Manitoba), serving on the nomination and awards committee of SRM, representing the grazing and range industry on the Expert Committee on Forage Crops; forming the Western Forage Beef Network which brought together all forage and beef researchers at Ag Canada and Universities plus all the forage and beef extension personal from BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba on an annual basis for the further development of the forage beef industry; serving on an array of Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture Food and Rural Revitalization forage and beef committees and PFRA Green Plan committees, and serving as a Canadian ambassador and instructor on an educational trade mission to Ukraine and Cuba. In addition to these many accomplishments, a capstone achievement of Mr. McCartney's is that he initiated and led a team of 55 people from across Canada in the development of a forage/beef cattle informational website www.Foragebeef.ca.

Because of the above accomplishments, it is truly a privilege for the Society for Range Management to honour Mr. McCartney with a 2008 Outstanding Achievement Award.

