

Peter S Clarke
Distinguished Alumnus Award 2012

Peter is a fourth generation farmer of Southview Farms, a 750-acre family farm in Woodville, Nova Scotia. He left the family farm to begin studies at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College in 1965. After his time at the Agricultural Campus he returned to the farm where, with his father Harry and other family members, has made many improvements and developments over the years.

In the mid 90's a farm feed mill was installed to make feed for pullets and layers. In 2007 egg production was doubled by purchasing additional quota. Southview Farms was a leading promoter of intensive cereal management and using tram lines as a way to service crops.

Peter has been instrumental in working in cooperation with agriculture organizations to improve farming methods in the region. This includes involvement in grain test plots in cooperation with the former NSAC and the Department of Agriculture. He also hosted many tours and equipment demonstrations.

Peter is known locally and nationally for excellence in the agriculture and agri-food industry. He is specifically renowned within the Canadian egg and poultry sector for his work in setting high quality standards for food safety, for which he has received numerous awards.

Throughout his career Peter has dedicated countless hours to provincial, national and international boards. He served on the Nova Scotia Egg Producers board since 1987, and is a consultant on the Animal Welfare Committee of the United Egg Producers of the USA.

As a representative of Nova Scotia on the Egg Farmers of Canada Board of Directors since 1995, he chaired the Budget, Research and Production Management Committees and was elected as First Vice Chair in 2006 and Chairman in 2011.

Peter was previously Chairman of the Board of Directors of ACA Co-operative, a company that under his leadership achieved consolidated sales in excess of \$100 million. He was also past President of the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture.

Peter served as chairman of AgraPoint, Nova Scotia Winter Grain Marketing Board and Atlantic Grains Council. Other past achievements include appointments as the Atlantic representative on the Canada Grains Council, the Nova Scotia representative on the Net Income Stabilization Account and as a member of the Advisory Committee of the Atlantic Veterinary College.

Peter's commitment to the sector has not gone unnoticed. In 1990 he received the Nova Scotia Institute of Agrologists inaugural Outstanding Farmer Award. He was also the recipient of the Eastern Kings Chamber of Commerce 2006 Kings County Business Lifetime Achievement Award.

In 2007 for his outstanding commitment within the Canadian Egg and Poultry sector, Peter was honored with the Order of Nova Scotia.

Despite all this success Peter is a very humble individual who credits his accomplishments to the great people with whom he has had the opportunity to work.

Aside from his dedication to the agricultural industry, Peter has devoted himself to his local community. He served as a volunteer firefighter for nineteen years in the Waterville and District Fire Department, and is currently a Rotarian in the Rotary Club of Kentville, which he has been involved with for almost twenty years.

Peter and his wife Janet have two children, Jeff and Trish who are both graduates of NSAC and six grandchildren.

Peter would describe himself as passionate about agriculture and proud to be a farmer.

Peter has truly distinguished himself in his area of expertise, bringing honour to the Agriculture sector. It is with great pride that we name Peter Clarke as Dalhousie Faculty of Agriculture's Distinguished Alumnus of 2012.