



Inducted: 2000

Mac Cuddy is the founder and chairman of the “Cuddy International Corporation” from inception to the present.

From his early roots in Kerwood, Mac went on to get his B.Sc. in Horticulture from the Ontario Agricultural College. After serving as a captain in the Royal Canadian Army during World War II, he came home and invested in a 100-acre turkey farm near Strathroy. In 1958 Mac pioneered the year round production of turkey hatching eggs, and with his business savvy, he turned the initial investment into an operation spanning the continents, and commanding a major share of the global turkey market.

**ALFRED MCINROY CUDDY
1919-2006**

Alfred McInroy (Mac) Cuddy , was born on October 24, 1919 in Kerwood , Ontario and was raised on the family farm in Adelaide Township.

In 1942, Mac graduated from the Ontario Agricultural College in Guelph with this B.Sc. in Horticulture and joined the masses fighting in World War II where he serviced as a Captain until 1945.

In 1950, he bought a 100-acre farm just outside Strathroy and 400 breeding turkeys. At that time, it was impossible to get a steady supply of healthy turkey poults and Mac recognized an opportunity for Cuddy Farms to fill an important niche in the turkey market. In the second year, he had 1,000 breeders and in an attempt to improve the quality of his turkeys, he purchased two old duck incubators, and started incubating his own eggs. This was the start of the Cuddy hatchery operations.

Mac conceived and implemented two developments that transformed turkey farming from a seasonal Thanksgiving and Christmas market into a year-round business. The first of these developments was a simple discovery made by Mac in 1958, which was by artificially lengthening the days with light, he could make the birds believe that it was spring all year round. This revolutionary concept put Cuddy Farms on the industry map and today, turkey breeders around the world use the lighting methods discovered by Mac over 50 years ago. The second development was through his friend and fellow turkey breeder George Nicholas whereby artificial insemination was introduced, and combined with the lighting program, boosted the farm’s ability to supply high quality turkey poults in commercial quantities year-round.

Through Mac's vision, Cuddy farms continued to quickly adopt and develop new technologies and expand. With an American toehold established, Cuddy farms expanded into the U.S. in earnest in 1971, with the acquisition of one of the world's largest turkey hatcheries in Pageland, South Carolina and followed with expansion into Missouri and Minnesota. In addition, Cuddy Farms ships about 400,000 eggs to Europe each week, with customers in more than 22 nations.

Over the years, the company has grown into Cuddy International Corporation with operations spanning three continents and is the largest supplier of day-old poults and hatching eggs with a major share of the global turkey market.

As founder of Cuddy Stables Limited, he has gained international respect as a premier breeder and racer of Standardbred horses. Progeny of Cuddy Stables have gone on to win at each of the major stakes campaigns in North America.

What makes Mac Cuddy unique, is his uncanny ability to recognize and seize market opportunities and develop new technologies. Mac's relentless pursuit of excellence and quality is evident in all his business ventures as well as his generous support of community and industry by his support and participation in various associations and the arts. Under his leadership, Cuddy International has achieved remarkable growth and success. His efforts have literally changed the course of the turkey industry world wide.