



**Inducted: 2005**

David McDonald is a leader in the agricultural community and a man of vision. His involvement in agricultural organizations, particularly in the pork industry, is exceptional. He voluntarily took the lead role in many projects and saw them successfully through to completion. Most notable is his work for the Ontario Pork Producers Marketing Board, where he was first elected in 1979 and served until 1991, sitting on several committees and serving as Board chair from 1987- 1990. He was involved in handling pressing concerns such as trade issues, and consistently represented the pork producers at hearings, inquiries and appeals. His community service extends to municipal politics where he has served the Village of Glencoe and the County of Middlesex for many years.

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David McDonald takes great satisfaction in seeing local projects take shape and improve the community in which he lives. To this end, he has, over his lifetime, become involved in many organizations. This involvement is evidence of his commitment to bettering his community.

He was born in Ekfrid Township in 1938, attending elementary school in Appin, later graduating from Glencoe District High School. He then received a two-year diploma from Ridgetown College of Agricultural Technology in 1957. David and his wife Barbara were married in 1966 and reside in Glencoe.

As a teenager, David McDonald was already very involved in his community as an active 4-H member, joining the Glencoe Beef, Field Crop, and Swine Clubs. Later, he became a leader of the Glencoe 4-H Beef Club, and was elected Chair of the Middlesex 4-H Club Leaders Association in the mid 1960's.

He was also an active member of the Glencoe Jr. Farmers and the Middlesex County Jr. Farmers. He participated in and won public speaking competitions and was a member of the Ontario Champion Debating Team. Also, as a Jr. Farmer, he was involved in many Field Days, Zone Leadership Days at Ridgetown, and Chairman of the Western Fair Booth Committee.

After graduating from Ridgetown College, Mr. McDonald was first employed with Fisons of Canada Ltd., promoting the product "Atrazine" to corn producers across Ontario. From 1963 to 1977, he was a partner and manager of Scotch Fertilizers Glencoe Ltd., one of the first bulk blending fertilizer plants in Ontario. Three more locations were eventually added to this business.

Equally important are the many positions he has held as a volunteer. Mr. McDonald has been active in numerous agricultural organizations, including:

- Middlesex Soil and Crop Association (representing Ekfrid Township)
- Middlesex Federation of Agriculture (representing Ekfrid Township)
- Glencoe Agricultural Society (active with the organization of Glencoe Fair, serving as president in the 1970's)
- Middlesex County Pork Producers' Association
- International Plowing Match (involved with the proposal in 1997 and was vice-chair of the organizing committee, bringing the IPM to fruition in 2002)
- Canada Pork Council (serving as the OPPMB representative and also Vice-Chairman)
- Ontario Pork Producers Marketing Board

His record of service with the OPPMB is outstanding. He was first elected in 1979 and continued until 1991, serving as Chair from 1987 to 1990. Mr. McDonald worked for 12 years on the Research Committee and 11 years on the Executive Committee. He has also been on the Promotion Committee and the Weaner Pig Committee. His leadership skills were demonstrated when he represented and supported the pork industry at many hearings, inquiries and appeals.

As well as his many contributions to agricultural organizations, Mr. McDonald has a solid record in municipal politics, serving the Village of Glencoe in various capacities since 1978. He served as Councillor, Deputy Reeve and Reeve. As a member of Middlesex County Council he served on numerous committees, and was elected Warden of the County of Middlesex in 1997-98. He was a member of the steering committee for the Community Futures Development Corporation, and is now chair of that organization. He has also been involved with local curling, and improved sports facilities in the area. He enjoys preserving history with restoration of the 1904 Historical Railway Station in Glencoe.

Currently, Mr. McDonald has a cash crop enterprise consisting of 100 acres on the edge of Glencoe. He has been farming more than 36 years, operating a 300-sow farrow-to-finish minimal disease unit from the mid 1960's to the 90's. He is also president and owner of Can Grow Crop Solutions Inc., a liquid fertilizer manufacturing and retail operation, selling product to cash crop farmers, horticultural crops, and specialty crops across Ontario and Michigan.

For his outstanding record of community involvement, both on and off the farm, David McDonald has been nominated by the Middlesex County Pork Producers' Association and is today inducted into the Middlesex County Agricultural Hall of Fame.