



**Saskatchewan Forage Council presents Forage Industry Innovation Award  
to Neil McLeod**

The Saskatchewan Forage Council (SFC) recently held their annual general meeting in conjunction with the Livestock and Forage Centre of Excellence field day. Participants had the opportunity to learn about the SFC's current projects and initiatives and enjoyed a presentation on one project that investigated the use of grazing management software for improving range productivity.

The SFC was pleased to present the Forage Industry Innovation Award for 2024 to Neil McLeod. Neil has been a forage seed representative and dealer for 25 years. He initially started with Prairie Seeds in 1999 and then Northstar Seeds in 2006. Neil has been a strong supporter of the Saskatchewan Forage Council and forage industry research and innovation.

Neil's nominator noted that "Neil is always quick to promote learning opportunities (such as field days) where producers can advance their knowledge and skills of forage production and management. One example of his leadership is that Neil has often gathered a group of local producers and provided transport for the group to attend industry events such as the Ag Canada field day or Foraging Into the Future in Swift Current."

Neil is known to be knowledgeable and thoughtful when assisting in selection of forage seed blends. He is a useful resource for his customers and others in the forage industry. Neil was a founding member of the Southern Eagle Creek Watershed group in 2008, as well as a long-time board member of this group. He was also an active member of the Herschel Grazing Club and helped organize many events for this organization.

The SFC thanks Neil for his dedication to the forage industry in Saskatchewan. In honour of Neil, the SFC will make a contribution in his name to the Alicia Hargrave Memorial Bursary, College of Agriculture and Bioresources at the University of Saskatchewan.



*Image: Jeremy Brown presents the Forage Industry Innovation Award to Neil McLeod*