



RICH DAIRY HISTORY

Canadian dairy farm families recognized for their contributions in helping build and grow this great nation

What does Canada's 150th anniversary mean to you, your family and farm history? This month's cover story series uncovers the deep-rooted history of three longstanding farm families in Alberta, Ontario and New Brunswick. All three farms have been in existence for 100 years or more, helping establish and grow Canada's rich agricultural landscape.

You'll read about the Jespersen family, who emigrated from Denmark to South Dakota, U.S., and later to Stony Plain, Alberta, and how they played a significant role in their community. Andrew Jespersen's son, Ralph, became one of the key figures in the development of the milk quota system, and served as a member of the legislature assembly for Stony Plain from 1967 to 1971, as well as president of Alberta Milk for several years. Our coverage of the Tamblyn family in Ontario shows why they relish the opportunity to celebrate the seventh generation on the farm. Their story begins with Thomas Tamblyn, who emigrated with his family from England in 1834. The family played an integral role in establishing Hope Township. Fred Tamblyn, one of Thomas's great grandsons, was instrumental in organizing the Durham County Holstein-Friesian Club, which started in 1917. And in New Brunswick, you'll find Walkerhill Farms, located near Sussex, which was started by Jim and Paul Walker's grandfather's great-grandfather in the early- to mid-1800s. Today, the seventh generation is now working on the farm.

All these stories, and more features about the dairy industry's contributions to Canada's 150-year history, can be found on pages 28 to 33. You can also read more about heritage dairy farm families from across Canada in Dairy Farmers of Canada's commemorative book entitled, *Dairy Farmers, Deeply Rooted for a Strong Future*. The book, which was specifically created to celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary, showcases the contributions of Canadian dairy farmers in the building and growth of this

great nation. It traces the emergence of dairy farming in each of Canada's provinces through the personal stories of a family of dairy farmers who have been farming for many generations. You can download a PDF copy by visiting <https://www.dairyfarmers.ca/news-centre/news/policy/dairy-farmers-of-canada-is-proud-to-present-the-book-dairy-farmers-deeply-rooted-for-a-strong-future>.

MAGAZINE AWARDS

Milk Producer magazine has once again been recognized for publication excellence by APEX. The 29th annual awards program recognizes excellence in publishing by professional communicators. APEX awards are offered for graphic design, editorial content and overall communications excellence. More than 1,300 entries were submitted from around the world in 100 categories. *Milk Producer* received Awards for Publication Excellence for Magazines, Journals and Tabloids for the one- to two-person produced category, as well as for assistant editor Jennifer Nevans June cover story, entitled *Father and son continue to operate 101-year-old dairy farm*, under the Feature Writing category.

This is the fourth time *Milk Producer* has won APEX awards. It has previously received honours for most improved magazine and design and illustration of its 50th anniversary photo spread. And in three out of the four years, *Milk Producer* was awarded honours for the one- to two-person produced category.



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