

Class Z-1: Agricultural Service Diploma



The Ontario Agricultural Service Diploma is a very prestigious award of merit which is intended to recognize outstanding contributions to an Agricultural Society (Fair Board) or to the agricultural community.

Sponsored by the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies, the diploma is awarded annually by a member society.

At the March 2023 Board of Directors meeting, it was unanimously decided to present the 2023 Diploma to Melinda Cowan. With over 30 years of dedicated service to the Delta Maple Syrup Festival, Melinda has been the stalwart driving force behind the success of the annual celebration.



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Melinda Cowan and Millard Goodsell, former Chairperson of the Maple Syrup Festival at the 2015 Delta Fair.



Presentation of the diploma will be made on July 27th at 6:00 p.m. as part of the Opening Ceremonies of the Fair.



Recipients

Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies Agricultural Service Diploma as awarded by the Delta Agricultural Society.

1989	Herb Reed, Delta
1990	Dr. D. W. Wilson, Delta
1991	Howard Chant, Portland
1992	Howard E. French, Delta
1993	George & Joan Tackaberry, Athens
1994	Ross & Marion Stone, Forfar
1995	W. Ronald Morris, Delta
1996	Ron & Alma White, Delta
1997	Malcolm Davison, Elgin
1998	Charles Nichols, Toledo
1999	Clara H. Townsend, Harlem
2000	Marie Flood, Delta
2001	Bruce Teepell, Elgin
2002	Paul Ostrom, Delta
2003	John Willows, Delta
2004	Sam Fleming, Delta
2005	Baker's Feeds, Forfar
2006	Weagant's Farm Supply, Brockville
2007	Sugar Maple Farms, Portland
2008	Ernie and Adam Curtis, Delta
2009	Art Cowan, Delta
2010	Mensen Farms, Delta
2011	John Bongers, Delta
2012	Brenda & Sam Dunster, Mallorytown
2013	Dr. James M. Reid, Athens
2014	World's Finest Shows, Simcoe
2014	Bev Carr, Athens
2015	Evan and Mary Jane Wills, Odessa
2016	Don and Debbie Gordon, Elgin
2017	Ruth Vogel, Portland
2018	Brian Seeley, Prescott
2019	Ronald E. Holman, Lombardy
2020	Vivian Morris, Delta
2021	Wendy's Country Market, Lyndhurst
2022	Willows Agriservices Limited, Delta
2023	Melinda Cowan, Delta

