

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 2023 PULSE INDUSTRY INNOVATOR AWARD



Alberta Pulse Growers (APG) is pleased to announce that nominations are currently being accepted for the ninth annual Alberta Pulse Industry Innovator Award.

The eighth annual award was presented posthumously to Barrhead seed grower Cliff Cyre. Cyre, 78, passed away on September 15, 2021. He is survived by his wife, Ida, their three children, five grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

He is remembered by his colleagues in the pulse industry for his efforts to advance pulse production in Alberta, as well as his enjoyment of interacting with people. Cyre participated in many roles with APG's Zone 3 and on numerous committees to build Alberta's pulse industry. His promotion of seed peas and faba beans helped develop the industry. A tribute to Cyre was included in the Winter 2022 *Pulse Crop News*.

An industry innovator is a person or organization that has worked to help nurture and shape the pulse industry and has helped contribute to the success of the industry as it is today. Innovators may have contributed to the industry through various areas from production, marketing, research, extension, processing, management, promotion and innovation.

To nominate someone, please complete the Pulse Industry

Innovator Nomination Form on the APG website. Nominations will be accepted until December 6, 2022.

Alberta Pulse Growers celebrated its 25th year as a commission by launching the Alberta Pulse Industry Innovator Award and presenting the organization's founding president, Lud Prudek, with the first annual award in 2015. Since that time, the award has been presented to acclaimed pulse researcher

Ken Lopetinsky, life-long pulse supporter Blair Roth, Dr. Hans-Henning Muendel who developed numerous bean cultivars, Kirsty Ross (Piquette) who was instrumental in building the field pea industry in northeastern Alberta, Mark Olson who explored new pulse varieties and production methods in many roles including as Alberta Agriculture's Unit Head for Pulse Crops, and APG's first vice-president Craig Shaw.



APG Zone 3 Director Shane Strydhorst (right) presented Greg Cyre with the 2022 Alberta Pulse Industry Innovator Award trophy won posthumously by his father, Cliff Cyre (pictured at the top right of the page).