Facts for Farmers

Alberta Farm Land Disappears

According to the Environment Council of Alberta, for the first time in history, the total area of farmland in the province has dropped. Alistair Crerar, the council's chief executive officer said that the total area of farms has fallen to about 19 million hectares (47 million acres) in 1981 from about 20 million hectares (50 million acres) in 1976. The number of farms in Alberta has dropped to 58,056 from 62,702, during the same period.

The problem appears to be the worst in the Calgary region with two-thirds of the lost farm area occurring south of Red Deer in central Alberta.

Rural Real Estate

Real estate values for the first three quarters of 1982 increased by 7.9 per cent compared with those recorded for the first three quarters of 1981. Peter Woloshyn, resource economist with Alberta Agriculture says the small size of the 1982 increase in real estate values is not too surprising in view of the general economic situation and the fact that the increase in real estate values has been getting smaller each year since 1978. The acreage transferred in 1982 was 27.6 per cent below the nine year average.

Agriculture — Our Renewable Resource

- Albertans spend 15 per cent of their net income directly on food. Look at the rest of the world. India — 60 per cent; South Korea — 45 per cent; Spain — 30 per cent; United Kingdom — 31 per cent.
- The agriculture sector generates about 40 per cent of all economic activity in Canada. One out of three jobs in Alberta is agriculturally related.
- Albertans can earn enough money to buy a loaf of bread in four minutes. Look at the rest of the world. India — 46 minutes; U.S.S.R. — 8 minutes; Mexico — 52 minutes; Japan — 7 minutes.
- Over the last 20 years, relative to income levels, the price of food has actually fallen. In 1949, we needed 22 per cent of our income for food while in 1980 we needed only 15 per cent.
- With the majority of Albertans living in cities, we tend to think that agriculture is something that doesn’t affect us. If we eat food we are involved in agriculture. The economic contribution agriculture makes to Alberta’s economy is unmatched by any other single industry. The food and beverage industry is Canada’s largest manufacturing sector. The industry employs approximately 245,000 people in more than 4,000 firms which results in $32 billion dollars of factory sales.

Alberta Certified Preconditioning Feeder Program

Preconditioning involves preparing calves and feeder cattle to withstand the stress they may undergo when they leave the farm or ranch. The goal of preconditioning is to improve performance and minimize sickness and death losses which often result when young cattle are sold and go into a feedlot.

To qualify under the Alberta Certified Preconditioning Feeder Program calves and feeders must be:
(1) dehorned, castrated and vaccinated for blackleg and red nose.
(2) treated for warbles at least three weeks before they are sold.
(3) be weaned for 30 days.
(4) be identified by an official ear tag.
(5) accompanied by a certificate saying the previously mentioned requirements were fulfilled. (Certificate must be signed by owner and a veterinarian).

In 1981, 9,200 calves were preconditioned under the program and 5,100 were sold at seven special sales. Preconditioned steers sold at sales received an average premium of $2.66 per hundredweight. Weight gains of calves weaned for the prescribed 30 day period increased prior to the sale by one to 1.5 pounds per day. This increase in gains, combined with a decrease in shrinkage between the time the cattle leave the farm and arrive at the sale means that the selling weight of calves can be increased by as much as 40 to 60 pounds per head. Extra feed and other costs involved in preconditioning have been estimated at about $30 per head.

Feedlot operators, who purchased preconditioned calves indicated they start on feed quicker than recently weaned calves; the number of animals that had to be treated for sickness in the feedlot was 40 to 50 per cent down than calves which had not been preconditioned.

For further information on the Alberta Certified Preconditioning Feeder Program, please contact your district agriculturist, regional cattle specialist or veterinarian.
The 1983 Annual Meeting of United Farmers of Alberta was held at the Palliser Hotel on March 8, 9 and 10, 1983.

Of the nine elected Directors and 62 elected Delegates, eight Directors and 61 Delegates were in attendance. Our first Vice-president, **John Onyschuk** was unable to attend as he is a patient in the Glenrose Hospital in Edmonton. Elected a Delegate in 1964 and a Director in 1970, John has not previously missed any meetings whether they were Annual meetings, Board meetings or Board Executive meetings. Sincerest wishes for a speedy recovery, John. 

**Morris Smith**, the Delegate from Sub-district No. 17, is recovering from surgery and was unable to attend. Morris was elected a Delegate in 1954 and has the longest tenure of any of the Delegates. Hope to see you up and around soon, Morris.

Delegates are the elected representatives of the member-owners of UFA. They are agricultural businessmen who are interested in practical ways to serve their industry. At the Annual Meeting, the Delegates reviewed the Company’s performance in 1982 and authorized the declaration of Patronage Dividends.

**Amendments to the By-laws were discussed and voted on at the meeting as were any resolutions presented by the Delegates.**

At the first meeting of the 1983 Board of Directors held on March 10th, the following were elected:

**President**
- Howard Haney

**1st Vice-president**
- John Onyschuk

**2nd Vice-president**
- Norman White

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**District 1A**
Guy Turcotte, Girouxville (elected a Director in 1975).

**District 2B**
Elwood Galloway, Ft. Saskatchewan (elected a Director in 1976).

**District 3C**
Norman White, Innisfail (elected a Director in 1973).

**District 4D**
Howard Haney, Iron Springs (elected a Director in 1970).

**District 5E**
Allan Sinclair, Vulcan (elected a Director in 1975).

**District 6F**
Glenn Lunty, Forestburg (elected a Director in 1978).

**District 7G**
Steve Shybunka, Two Hills (elected a Director in 1975).

**District 8H**
John Onyschuk, Radway (elected a Director in 1970).
Retiring Director

Clare E. Anderson

A member of a pioneer family from the Barrhead area, Clare raises beef and seed grain. He is a Robertson Associate member which is the highest recognition given to seed growers. In 1972, Anderson Seed Growers, a corporate farm, with Clare and his sons as shareholders, won the Grand Champion for seed oats at the Calgary Seed Fair.

No one has been more active in his community and in agriculture than Clare Anderson. For five years, he served as a vice-president of the Farmers Union of Alberta. In 1964, he was elected a Delegate to UFA and in 1965, became a Director. He was Chairman of the Barrhead Seed Cleaning plant; a provincial board member of the Alberta branch of the Canadian Seed Growers Association; a member of the trade mission of the Canadian Grain Council to the Caribbean; an appointed member of the Alberta Farm Products Marketing Council; an executive member of Unifarm; on the advisory committee, Agriculture Economics, University of Alberta.

Clare has always been active in the Pembina UFA Co-op, and is on the board of this Affiliated Co-op which has a long and cordial association with UFA.

In addition to his active involvement in agriculture, Clare and his wife Hazel are sports enthusiasts. They each have their own motor bike and are members of the Thunder Lake and Misty Ridge Ski Clubs.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to have been associated with a gentleman of your calibre, Clare. Your many friends and associates at UFA appreciate your many outstanding contributions to the agricultural industry and wish you health and happiness in the future.

1983 Annual Meeting Committees

Resolutions Committee

Credential Committee

Delegate Frank Gechter, Seven Persons; Supervisor of Financial Accounting Alice Paso; Delegate Ernest Fahrion, Peers.

Delegates Joe Sejdl, Ponoka and Lynn Sommerville, Cardston.
Retiring Delegates

Archibald L. Hogg

Yes, our venerable Archie Hogg finally decided not to run for re-election this year.

Archie was elected a UFA Delegate, to represent the Foothills area in 1957. His association with the United Farmers organization goes back to 1920. But name a worthwhile Alberta organization and you'll find that Archie Hogg was more than a joiner or a "dues paying member". He was a worker. The organizations that Archie belonged to and gave so much of himself to are many, but anyone who has had the privilege of being associated with Archie soon found out he was a man to be admired and respected.

Archie has received many singular honors over the years — to name only a few — the Hunter Training Award for the Province of Alberta — a Citizens Award from the Edmonton City Police Fish and Game Association for outstanding service to the public — the Premier's Award (and the Premier, at the presentation, remembered that it was Archie who introduced him at his first constituency meeting). All the honors Archie has received were culminated when the Archie and Janet Hogg Park was officially opened.

May we salute you as well Archie for your unselfish devotion to your fellow man and to nature. It's been an honor and a privilege to have been associated with you over these many years.

Harvey Severtson

Harvey Severtson served as a UFA Delegate from 1979 to 1983. In the four years he represented the members in Sub-district #25, the Taber area, he was a conscientious Delegate.

Harvey was born in Lethbridge and his farming enterprise is in the Enchant area. He is involved in grain farming, both dry land and irrigation.

He has served as an Advisory Member to the Alberta Wheat Pool, a director of the Enchant Golf Club and the Enchant Lions Club and is a member of the Picture Butte Elks Club. He and his wife Sandy have a daughter Lori.

For hobbies, Harvey enjoys hunting, fishing, golfing, curling and was an active, playing member of the Old Timers (35 years of age and over) Hockey Club. This year, he competed in over 65 games — which demanded a lot of travelling to various games but Harvey enjoyed it.

During his tenure as a Delegate, Harvey earned the respect of the many people in our Organization who had the opportunity to be associated with him.

Election Committee

Delegates Information Committee

Delegates John Small, Radway; Dean Chessor, Lacombe; General Chairman of Election Committee Walter Pasnak, Edmonton; Raymond Hart, Claresholm and John Bobryk, Czar.

Delegates Clark Fawcett, Consort; Jack Swainson, Red Deer; Gerry Barnes, High Prairie and Allan Zwierschke, Holden.
New Delegates

Joseph A. Machacek

Mr. Machacek was born in Taber and is involved in raising grain, beef, sugar beets and hay in this area.

He has been active in community, agricultural and service organizations and has served on the M.D. of Taber Appeal Board for three years, on the Roman Catholic Separate School District #54 for eleven years and as a director of the Fincastle Grazing Association for six years.

Mr. Machacek is a Grand Knight of the local Knights of Columbus and a member of the B.P.O. Elks, the Sugar Beet Growers Association and the Alberta Wheat Pool.

He and his wife Lilian have four children, Tony who is 21, Louise 20, Tom 18 and Monica who is 16. Mrs. Machacek is an elementary school teacher and is also on the M.D. of Taber Library board, a member of the steering committee of the Oldman Regional Library and a member of the Catholic Women's League.

For hobbies Mr. Machacek enjoys fishing, curling and camping.

David J. Morrison

Mr. Morrison is a descendant of a pioneer Alberta family. His grandfather David Morrison homesteaded in the Tongue Creek area in 1903 and his maternal grandfather John Thomson homesteaded in the Gladys Ridge area in 1889. David attended Skye Glen Public School, High River High School and then continued his education at the Olds School of Agriculture.

In 1948, David and his wife Jessie bought the Thomson farm where they are involved in mixed farming. They raise grain and have a cow-calf operation. David uses as his brand, the 7V, which was his grandfather's.

Over the years, the Morrisons have been active in their community and in various agricultural organizations — in the Ridgeview Community Society, the Blackie Co-operative and the Gladys Mutual Telephone Company. David is a member of Unifarm, Alberta Wheat Pool, Western Stock Growers Association, Blackie Seed Cleaning Association, Sunshine Gas Co-op and his local church board.

Jessie is a member of the Women's Institute, local church organizations and teaches kindergarten part time.

For hobbies, David enjoys wood working.

Alphonse Repchin

Alphonse (Al) Repchin was first elected a Delegate to UFA in a by-election held in 1982. This by-election was necessary due to the untimely death of veteran Delegate Herb Kruger. Mr. Repchin was elected by acclamation.

In 1983, Al Repchin stood for re-election, defeated two other candidates and was elected to represent the members in Sub-district #39, the Stettler area.

Originally from Saskatchewan, Mr. Repchin is involved in raising beef and grain. He has always taken an active role in community and agricultural organizations and served for over thirty years as a director and since then as president of his local rural electrification association. He has also belonged to the United Grain Growers for 37 years and has served at various times as a local board director and chairman.

Mr. Repchin has been a member of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool for 40 years, the local seed plant for over 18 years and is a member of the Alberta Wheat Pool. He also served on the board of directors of the Stettler Consumer Co-op for over eleven years.

Mr. Repchin and his wife Florence have two children, Verna (Mrs. A. Code) and Kenneth. They also have five grandchildren. Mr. Repchin enjoys curling and most sports.

Harold Ross

The new Delegate for Sub-district #49, the Bonnyville area, is Harold Ross of Glendon. Originally from the Brooks area, Harold is involved in mixed farming — forage, grain and back ground feeding cattle.

Harold has been very active in his community and in agricultural organizations. He was a member for four years of the Agricultural Service Board for I.D. 18 Bonnyville. At the present time he is vice-president of the Agriculture Service Board, chairman of the Lakeland Forage Association and a member of the Goodridge Agricultural Society.

His wife Fredda is also active in the community and is co-ordinator of Further Education for the community and a member of the Goodridge Agricultural Society.

Harold and Fredda have two children, Stewart who is 12 years old and Cheryl who is 5 years of age.

For hobbies Harold enjoys camping, fishing and hunting.
Candids at the Annual Meeting

...during the coffee, tea, milk or juice break.

Delegate Jack Fleck, New Norway and Bryce Henrickson, Patricia

Delegate David Morrison, High River, Director Allan Sinclair, Vulcan and Delegate Bill Rute, Wetaskiwin.

Delegate Ken Hoppins, Huxley and Gordon Chisholm, Manager of Marketing Services, Petroleum Division.

Director Elwood Galloway, Fort Saskatchewan, 2nd Vice-president Norman White, Innisfail and President Howard Haney, Iron Springs.

Director Glen Lunty, Forestburg, Delegate Deane Sharpe, Munson and Chief Executive Officer Bill McCartney.

Delegates David Fedun, Andrew; Walter Doll, Fairview and Mel Longson, Beaverlodge.

Delegates Marcel Trudeau, Girouxville, Irvin Kopp, Girouxville and Ed Hirsch, Bow Island.
Candids at the Annual Meeting (cont'd)

Delegate Jack Fleck, New Norway; President Howard Haney, Iron Springs; Delegate Joe Seidl, Ponoka.

Delegates Albert Hutton, Hanna and Alfred Hammer, Olds.

Delegates Gerry Barnes, High Prairie; Joe Machacek, Taber; Allan Sveinson, Innisfail.

Delegate Stan Erickson, Tangent and Secretary Dee Mathison.

Delegate Wayne Price and Tom Miller, Assistant to Manager of Marketing Services, Petroleum Division.

Delegates John Bobryk, Czar; Ben Cibart, Hardisty and Ernie Fahnion, Peers.

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Delegate Ernie Fahnion, Peers; Director Guy Turcotte, Girouxville; Delegate Allan Sveinson, Innisfail.
Delegate Al Repchin, Stettler and Terry Semeniuk, Region Manager South, Farm Supply Division.

Delegates Otto Wilken, Stoney Plain; Gordon Kuhn, Elk Point and Ron Andrews, Sherwood Park.

Delegates Ed Hirsch, Bow Island and Len Vogelaar, Pincher Creek.

Directors Clare Anderson, Barrhead; Norman White, Innisfail; Delegate Harold Ross, Glendon and Director Elwood Galloway, Fort Saskatchewan.

C.E.O. Bill McCartney and Delegates John Small, Radway and Fred Evenson, Kingman.

Delegates Deane Sharpe, Munson and Lynn Sommerfeldt, Cardston.

Delegate Eugene Graham, Milk River; C.A. Glen Braum, Clarkson Gordon talking to Gerry Metz, Treasurer of UFA.
Appointment

Cameron Ross

Bill McCartney, Chief Executive Officer of United Farmers of Alberta, announced the appointment, effective January 3, 1983, of Cameron Ross as Manager of Corporate Planning and Management Services. In his new position, Mr. Ross will work closely with Senior Management. His core responsibility will be in the areas of strategic and operational planning as well as assisting Management on a variety of special projects.

Originally from Alsask, Saskatchewan, Mr. Ross was raised on the family farm which was a grain and livestock operation. He attended Marengo High School and then went on to the University of Saskatchewan where he received his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture and then later to Texas A & I University where he received his Masters of Business Administration.

From 1968 - 1971, Cameron Ross was associated with Federated Co-operatives Limited as a sales representative, responsible for the sale of livestock feeds and livestock equipment. From 1971 - 1973 he developed and operated the Klondike Valley Tent and Trailer Park and was involved in all stages of its development, financing, construction and operation. From 1973 to 1978, he worked with the Alberta Department of Agriculture as a project co-ordinator and conducted feasibility studies for the development of further processing of Alberta’s agriculture production.

In 1980 he joined the Alberta Wheat Pool as a planning analyst and in 1981 was promoted to manager of planning and management services, a position he held until joining UFA.

Cameron’s academic background and work experience certainly qualify him for his new responsible position in our Organization. He is a member of the Alberta Institute of Agrologists and the Association of MBA Executives.

He and his wife Geraldine have two children Jason and Brent. Carpentry is Cameron’s main hobby and he also enjoys sailing, fishing, curling and golf.

In 1982, sales records were again achieved by the Petroleum Division. The United Farmer recognizes the individual initiative and the productive performance of our Agents and Petroleum Managers of Co-op Associations. It was their hard work that greatly contributed to another successful year in 1982 for the Petroleum Division.

5 Million Litre Club

In 1975, the Million Gallon Club was created. In the following years, Agents or Member Associations that sold more than one million gallons during one full calendar year (from January 1st - December 31st of the competing year) qualified for membership.

In recognition of this achievement, each member of the Million Gallon Club received a plaque for selling one million gallons and a gold bar for each of the next million gallons sold.

Due to metrification, there is no longer a Million Gallon Club. In 1981 it was replaced by the 5 Million Litre Club. Agents or Member Associations that sold more than five million litres in the calendar year qualify for membership and receive a gold bar for each of the next 5 million litres sold.

For the eighth year, Agents and Affiliated Co-op Association Managers, with volumes of over 5 million litres, competed for the Best Volume Increase Award in the North Region and in the South and Peace Region. The two region winners were presented with an engraved plaque and a cheque and the two runners-up each received a cheque.

In addition to region awards, all new Agents having sold more than 5 million litres in the previous full calendar year, were admitted to the prestigious 5 Million Litre Club. They were also presented with engraved plaques to mark their achievement.
Petroleum Awards 1982

5 Million Litre Club Winners

James Robert Madden

18 years old, he has owned and operated gravel trucks, hauling lumber in the winter and gravel in the summer. In 1975, he purchased a ½ section of land on which he built a new home and also raises cattle. Jim has 35 head of grade cattle, four fullblood Simmental and eventually hopes to increase his number of fullbloods.

While Jim is on the truck delivering fuel to the farmstead, his wife Barb and father-in-law Boe Erickson keep the office running. Boe also drives a second truck to keep up with customer demand.

The Maddens have three children, Kurtis, 10, Kimberly, 7, and Kara, 2. Kurtis and Kimberly are also award winners like their dad. They recently won Public Speaking Awards.

Jim really enjoys flying and is currently taking pilot's lessons. He is an active curler and snowmobiler and also has a commercial fishing license. When time permits, he hauls out his nets and goes fishing.

Jim’s volume increase of 18 per cent in 1982, earned him the Best Volume Increase in the North Region in the 5 Million Litre Club.

Robert H. Rubie

The winner of the 5 Million Litre Club Award in the South and Peace Region is Bob Rubie, the UFA Agent at Manning. Bob not only “topped the polls” in the Best Volume Increase in this region, he also has the distinction of being UFA’s most northerly Agent.

Both Bob and his wife Leilani were born and raised on farms in the Peace River (“God’s country” — as our past president, George Sayle of Sexsmith, often remarked). Bob went to school in Wembley and then attended Fairview Agricultural School. He worked for five years with Proctor and Gamble in office management and direct sales and then had his own portable welding business for two years. In February, 1981, Bob was appointed the UFA Agent at Manning.

His volume increase this year not only qualified him as a member of the 5 Million Litre Club, it also made him the winner of the Best Volume Increase in the South and Peace River. He recorded an increase of 14.3 per cent in his fuel sales.

Bob and his wife Leilani have three children, Kyla, Clayton and Colin. The family is active in their church and Bob also enjoys fishing and hunting and, when time allows, golf and curling.

5 Million Litre Club Runners-up

Ernie Brauer, Hines Creek; Runner-up South and Peace Region.

Ed Vogel, Elk Point; Runner-up North Region.
Current Members

of the 5 Million Litre Club

Beaver Creek Co-op Association Ltd.
Lamont
Ed Krill, Manager

Ernie Brauer
Hines Creek

Eldon Cage
Beaverlodge
1 gold bar

John Clayton
Sylvan Lake

Cloutier Bros.
Falher

Woody Dutton
Valleyview

Dunc Fentie
Fairview
1 gold bar

Adrien Fortin
Stony Plain

Bert Galliford
Onoway

Girouville General Co-op Assoc.
Girouville
Yvon Jean,
Petroleum Manager

Alex Graham
Spirit River

Hugh Greenwood
Delburne

Don Hennel
Stettler

Fred Johnson
Pembina UFA Co-op
Barrhead

Ron Jorgenson
Drayton Valley

Richard Landrell
Vermilion

Lyle Leyh
Pembina UFA Co-op
Westlock

Jim Madden
Wildwood

Bob Matthews
Eckville

Barry & Elden McLachlan
Grimshaw

Medicine Hat Co-op Ltd.
Medicine Hat
Marcel Auger,
Petroleum Manager
2 gold bars

Willie Meier
Bay Tree

Donald Miller
Innisfail

Ray Miller
Red Deer

Erwin Ochsner
High Prairie

Ronald Olineck
Vegreville

Blair Oliver
Camrose

Tom Page
Three Hills

Pincher Creek Co-op Assoc.
Pincher Creek
Richard Richter,
Petroleum Manager

Ponoka Co-op Oils Ltd.
Ponoka
Alex Williamson, Manager

Leon Ramstad
Bashaw

Glen Roberts
Carstairs

Robert Rubie
Manning

Bob Sieker
Grande Prairie
3 gold bars

Murray Smythe
Lacombe

Mike Stasyk
Glendon

Miles Stephens
Calgary
4 gold bars

Don Swanston
Acadia Valley

Edward Vogel
Elk Point

Lorne Wagstaff
Trochu

Wetaskiwin Co-op Refineries Ltd.
Johnstone Liillebuen,
Manager
1 gold bar

Jack Williams
Lethbridge
1 gold bar

Russ Wilson
Olds

John Yanco
Fort Macleod

Greg Yohemas
Salisbury
Petroleum Awards - 1982

Best Volume Increase
(Less than 5 Million Litres)

Petroleum Awards were recently presented to the winners and runners-up in each of the respective petroleum territories for Best Fuel Volume Increase and Most Improved Lube Oil Ratio. Awards were also presented to the top ten Agents in a new category A.C.P. (Average Collection Period).

The Winners -

Barton Watson, Picture Butte
Territory #1

Clarence Caskey, Oyen
Territory #2

Harold Schmaltz, Beiseker
Territory #3

Neal Jones, Dewberry
Territory #4

Nick Tynchy, Sangudo
Territory #6

Albert Wells, Wanham
Territory #7

Norman Lowe, Buck Lake
Territory #5

Dennis Zwack, Freedom
Pembina UFA Co-op Ltd.

The Runners-up -
(Under 5 Million Litres)

Garry Pederson
Cereal, Territory #2

Lorne Wagstaff
Trochu, Territory #3

George Karpyshyn,
Spedden, Territory #4

Marvin Groves
Alix, Territory #5

Leonard Goldthorpe
Warburg, Territory #6

Bob Sieker, Grande
Prairie, Territory #7

Lyle Leyh, Westlock
Pembina UFA Co-op Ltd.
Petroleum Awards - 1982

Most Improved Lube Oil Ratio

The Winners -

Barton Watson, Picture Butte Territory #1

Gary Pederson, Cereal Territory #2

Ray Miller, Red Deer Territory #3

Richard Landerl, Vermilion Territory #4

Leonard Goldthorpe, Warburg Territory #6

Bob Sieker, Grande Prairie Territory #7

Norman Lowe, Buck Lake Territory #5

Lyle Leyh, Westlock Pembina UFA Co-op Ltd.

The Runners-up -

Frank Patterson
Rosebud, Territory #2

Tom Page
Three Hills, Territory #3

John Zacharias
Wainwright, Territory #4

James Madden
Wildwood, Territory #6

Robert Rubie
Manning, Territory #7
ACP (Average Collection Period)

A new awards program was initiated in 1982. Called the ACP, this program recognizes the top 10 Agents in the collection of their accounts receivable. Heading up the list was Bryon Syverson of Provost whose average collection period was 25.8 days. Congratulations to Bryon and the other winners. If anyone is counting there are 12 names listed in the top ten Agents (there were two ties). Pictures were not available of Pat Gauthier, Milo; Stan Thomas, Josephburg; Roy Rutledge, Consort and Lyle Killoh, Delia. However, they were winners and among the top ten in the new Average Collection Period Awards.

The Top Ten

Max Brauer, Lomond
Ken Chambers, Drumheller
Bob Early, Hay Lakes
Ken Miller, Forestburg
Russ Wilson, Olds
Garry Pederson, Cereal
Jarvis Shail, Hythe

Activities at Athabasca

John Pullishy, Territory Manager with UFA’s Petroleum Division, sent this picture of Andy and Carla Makar’s entry in the Athabasca town parade. On the big truck there was a sign reading, "No Job Too Big". Behind the truck was a small trailer with a UFA drum reading, “No Job Too Small”.

That’s Carla and her sister on top of the truck throwing candies.
 Couldn’t Farm Without Her

Canada’s Outstanding Young Farmers and Their Wives

The Winners

(left to right) Gordon and Joanne Bussey, Airdrie, Alberta; John and Margaret McDougall, Grassie, Ontario; Denis and Noella Vallee, Nicolet, Quebec.

Unifarm Elections - 1983

At the Unifarm Annual Meeting, Stan Bell was elected president, replacing Howard Falkenberg.

Howard Falkenberg

A native Albertan, Howard Falkenberg was involved for many years in grain and broiler production in the Camrose area. He has been active in farm organization for over 20 years — as chairman of the Alberta Broiler Growers Marketing Board for 10 years; a member of the local Credit Union for ten years and for seven years as president. He also held offices in the Rural Electrification Association and the Gas Co-operative.

Prior to his election as president of Unifarm in 1978, he served as vice-president and as a member of the provincial board of directors and local president. Mr. Falkenberg was an executive member of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture; a director of Canada Grains Council; president of the Western Agricultural Conference and also on the executive of the Alberta Chamber of Commerce.

Howard will be long remembered for his ebullient personality and his total dedication for five years to his responsible position as president of Unifarm.

Stan Bell

Born in Drumheller, Stan Bell practised veterinary medicine for several years before giving up the profession in favor of farming. He now operates a 1,700 acre grain and cattle farm near Carstairs.

Prior to his election as president of Unifarm in January, 1983, Dr. Bell held offices at all levels of the organization. He is a member of the board of directors of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and the Livestock Medicine Advisory Committee, served on the Agricultural Education and Rural Extension Advisory committee and was a member of the Alberta Veterinary Medicine Association. He is a past chairman of the Propane Co-op.

Congratulations Stan on your election and our best wishes for every success in your demanding position as president of Unifarm.