



Don Dewar
Owner,
Dewar Seed Farms

Don Dewar owns and operates Dewar Seed Farms in Dauphin, Manitoba, with his son Mark. A small seed plant was set up to process seed for retail and wholesale business on the 3300 acre century farm homesteaded by his grandfather.

Don received his Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Manitoba in 1972. His career as a producer representative began in 1977 when he was elected to the board of directors of Manitoba Seed Growers. He served three terms and was elected president in 1982 and 1983. He also served on the national board of the Canadian Seed Growers Association from 1984 to 1991.

Over the years, Don has served as a Manitoba director for the National Board of SeCan, been a member of the Manitoba Farm Mediation Board, a member and is currently chair of the Dauphin Regional Airport Authority Board and has served a term with the Policy Branch of Manitoba Agriculture.

Community involvement is also important to Don. In the past, he has been a member of the Dauphin Kinsmen, where he held various executive positions, including that of President. He is currently a member of the vestry for St. Paul's Anglican Church in Dauphin. He is also a board member of Parkland Industrial Hemp Growers Co-operative, and was active in their efforts to establish a hemp fibre processing plant.

Don was elected to his district's Keystone Agricultural Producers' board in 1991. He was elected to serve on the executive in 1992 and was elected as 2nd Vice President of the provincial organization in 1996. In 1997, he accepted the position of 1st Vice President. In 1998, he was elected President of KAP and served in that capacity until January 2002. During that time, he represented the province on the National Safety Nets Advisory Council and also on the Canadian Federation of Agriculture's board of directors.

As KAP President, Don successfully represented and promoted the interests of Manitoba's farmers with government and industry. He has an innate understanding of Canada's political system and how to get results for those who elected him.

In 2006, KAP appointed Don to the board of directors of the Western Grains Research Foundation, where he served with one term as vice-chair until 2016.

He was first elected to the board of directors of the CHTA in 2013 and is currently chair of the PRA committee.