

Donald Grant Devine 1967 College 2025 Honorary Life Member

Donald Grant Devine was born in 1944 in Regina, and was raised on his grandfather's farm near Lake Valley. After earning his degree from the U of S he completed his Master's in Agricultural Economics from the University of Alberta in 1970, before attaining his PhD in Agricultural Economics from Ohio State University in 1976. Grant taught agricultural marketing and consumer economics at U of S from 1976-79, focusing on food retailing, grain handling and agricultural marketing efficiencies.

He served as the 11th Premier of Saskatchewan from 1982 to 1991, concurrently serving as agriculture minister; his passion for agriculture evident throughout his career. He brought forward policies that supported the industry through challenging production years, such as guaranteed loans to young farmers and province wide natural gas. He championed innovation and science, establishing Ag-West Bio to lead work on biotechnology, while the province's Agriculture Development Fund began during his tenure to advance agricultural research. His dedication and leadership led to a new College of Agriculture building at the University of Saskatchewan, which has become one of the leading agriculture colleges in Canada. His work on free trade, including a Canada-U.S. free trade agreement, was significant for Saskatchewan farmers and Canadian agriculture.

He led the charge on having Farm Credit Canada Corporation locate its head office in Regina, providing hundreds of jobs to the Saskatchewan economy. He was also instrumental to the province's investment in SaskFerco, with the urea and anhydrous ammonia fertilizer plant a first for Canada.

He has held a number of directorships and executive positions and has continued to use his experience as a farmer, researcher, economist and director to serve the agriculture community.

He currently has a farm and ranch near Moose Jaw. He is married to Chantal Devine of 58 years and they have 5 children, 18 grandchildren and 1 great grand-daughter.