The Sixth Annual Daryl F. Kraft Lecture:

“Fostering Productivity on Both Sides of the Farm Gate”
(Can we grow it; can we move it?)

presented by

Dr. Richard Gray

With development and adoption of zero tillage, new crop genetics, and precision guidance systems, farmers in Western Canada have made very impressive gains in productivity over the past decade.

For the sector to remain internationally competitive, these productivity gains need to be matched with similar productivity gains in the grain handling and transportation system.

This lecture will focus on both of these critical and very interdependent issues.

Dr. Daryl F. Kraft

Daryl grew up on the family cattle ranch southwest of Medicine Hat. He attended Mount Royal College, Calgary, on a football scholarship. In 1968 he graduated with Honours from the University of Manitoba, Faculty of Agriculture, with a Bachelor’s Degree in Agricultural Economics. In 1975 he was awarded a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from Washington State University. He joined the Department of Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics at the University of Manitoba in 1973, where he remained until his passing in 2003.

His knowledge and research made him an invaluable advisor; he worked closely on projects and policies with farmers, industry, and federal and provincial governments. The media too used Daryl Kraft as a resource knowing they would receive candid and substantiated information.

Honours & Awards

During his academic career, Daryl received several awards: in 1975 the Outstanding Ph.D. Thesis Award from the American Agricultural Economics Association; in 1984 Outstanding Journal Article in the Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics; in 1999 he was named a Fellow of the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society; and in May 2003 Daryl received the Teaching Award of Merit from the National Association of Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture.
At the University of Manitoba, Daryl Kraft served on Senate and a number of University and Faculty of Agriculture committees.

As a member of the Department of Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics he participated in virtually every departmental committee and in its major administrative roles.

He was Director of the Solomon Sinclair Farm Management Institute, was Acting Head of the Department on two occasions in the 1980s and 1990s, and was Head of the Department from July 1997 to June of 2003.

While Head of the Department, he initiated the establishment of the Agribusiness Chair in Co-operatives and Group Marketing in the Department of Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics.

Daryl F. Kraft Endowment Fund

Colleagues, friends and family of Dr. Daryl F. Kraft established an endowment/trust fund at the University of Manitoba to provide an opportunity for individuals and corporations to make contributions to a program of activities in agribusiness management within the Department of Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics.

Proceeds of the fund are being used to undertake three activities: an annual Daryl F. Kraft prize for the best under-graduate student paper in agricultural policy at the University of Manitoba, an annual Daryl F. Kraft Lecture on agricultural policy to be delivered by a prominent Canadian or international agricultural economist, and, as funds allow, a graduate fellowship for a Canadian or Canadian permanent resident student registered full time in the M.Sc. degree in Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics.

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