

Dr. R.I.H. (Ron) McKenzie
(1929 to 2015)



It is with sadness that we report the passing on January 9, 2015 of Dr. Ron McKenzie. Ron began his career with AAFC in the late 1950's as a flax breeder when a flax breeding program was initiated at the Indian Head Experimental Farm and Winnipeg Research Station, now the CRC. In 1961, the program was transferred to the Morden Research Station and Dr. McKenzie became the oat breeder at Winnipeg until 1985 when he took on responsibility for CPS wheat breeding. Ron retired in 1995 and Drs. Doug Brown, Scott Duguid, and Jennifer Mitchell Fetch succeeded him as oat breeders at the CRC. Dr. McKenzie received many honors for his work on oat improvement and AC Ronald oat was named in his honor. A celebration of Ron's life will take place in March or April.

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