

## Honorary Life Member 2017 Jim Bessel

Jim is well known for new and innovative ideas combining Agronomic best- management practices with advanced technologies and equipment engineering.

With over 40 years of experience in agriculture production, he now spends a lot of his time focused on harvest and storage management, by bringing forward new and innovative ways of using today's technology in enhancing greater returns per acre, with increased profitability.

Jim has been honored by receiving the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of his contribution to agriculture.

He currently serves on the Provincial Council of the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists, where he is keenly interested in profiling the essential role of agrologists in modern agriculture and encouraging the next generation of professionals.

Jim is a graduate of the U of S College of Agriculture & Bio-Resources, has owned and operated a large grain and dairy farm for 12 years and then served 25 years with the Canola Council of Canada in research and agronomy.

In his part-time retirement, he now works as an independent contractor within the Ag industry. He serves a Senior Agri-Coach with Trimble/Agri-Trend and often speaks about the benefits of managing harvest losses. He also contracts part-time as an organic farm inspector.

