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Truro, Nova Scotia – The National Farmers Union (NFU) is pleased to announce that long-time member Urban Laughlin was Prince Edward Island’s inductee into the Atlantic Agricultural Hall of Fame on Thursday, October 28th. Laughlin’s induction is recognition of his astounding contributions to the farm community and farm families in PEI for over four decades. “The NFU is very pleased that one of its founding members has been chosen for such an honour,” said Boehm. “Urban has definitely played a very large role in the agriculture sector in the Atlantic region, and it’s another example of an NFU member making a positive contribution to the family farm way of life,” continued Boehm.

Laughlin’s involvement in farm and community organizations has been extensive to say the least. He cut his teeth in the Sherbrooke 4-H club, where he became Charter President in 1949 and served as leader from 1952-1969. From there Laughlin took on other leadership roles including President of the PEI Junior Farmers’ Federation in 1954, Charter President of the East Prince Junior Farmers’ organization in 1955, Secretary of the Sherbrooke School District from 1962-72, Councillor for the Community of Sherbrooke from 1979-1995, and a foreman of a Supreme Court Jury on PEI on three different occasions.

Laughlin became an NFU member in 1968 where he again took the reigns of leadership, serving as President of NFU Local 102. He was also elected to three separate terms as District Director, District 1, Region 1, and served as a National Board Member in 1978. Urban is the only NFU member in Canada who has attended the Founding Convention and each of the subsequent 40 national conventions.

Laughlin has lived and farmed in the community of Sherbrooke, PEI his entire life. He runs an environmentally responsible, dairy and mixed farm with his spouse Mary Laughlin. “I don’t need to tell you how much work dairy farming is, let alone all those hours spent on volunteer work. His contribution is especially outstanding when you think about the sheer number of leadership roles he took on. He is absolutely tireless. Urban is definitely very deserving of this award,” concluded Boehm.

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