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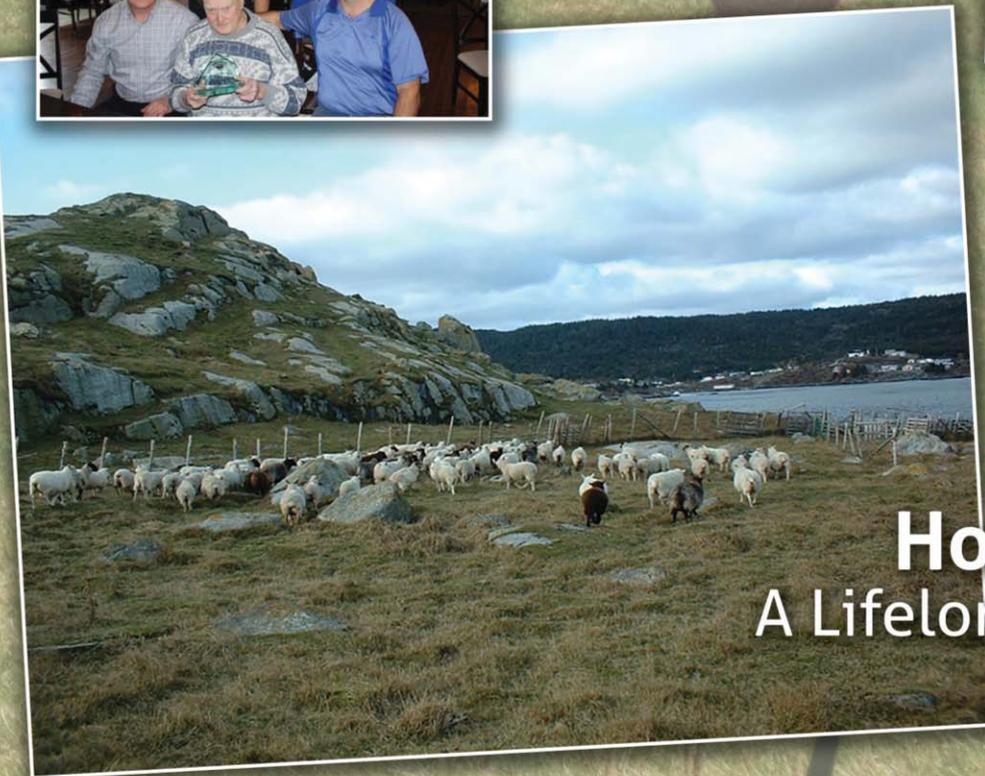
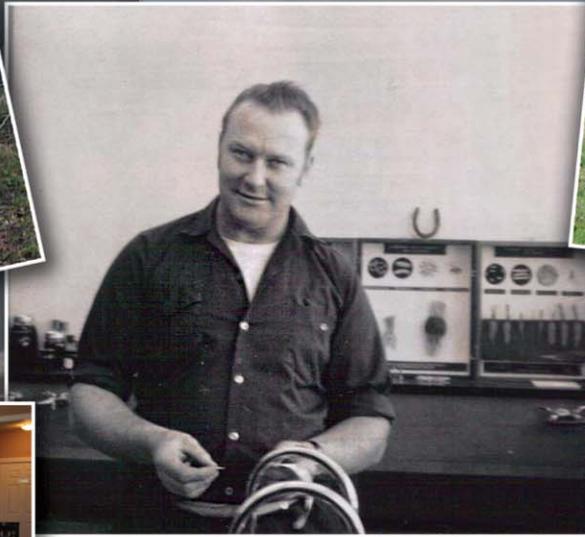
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On The Cover: A photo collage of Howard Morry through the years.

Howard Morry: A Lifelong Commitment to Agriculture



Sheep on one of the islands used by Howard.

By Matthew Carlson

It's a pretty safe bet that you've heard of Howard Morry. The fact that Howard is known by such a large number of people both inside and outside the agriculture industry is a testament to his impact on the industry over the years. Howard and the lamb he produces has been featured in print in *Downhome* magazine, Air Canada's *En Route*, and even *The Wall Street Journal*, on television through CBC's *Land and Sea*, and is proudly featured on the menu at the award-winning

Raymond's restaurant in downtown St. John's.

Howard G. Morry is a sheep farmer based out of Kilbride on the province's Avalon Peninsula where he operates Morry's Sheep Farm. Howard is an industry veteran, having been active in the agriculture industry since 1955, when

he received his diploma in Agriculture from Nova Scotia Agricultural College and went to work for Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada where he stayed until retirement in 1990.

Retirement from his government job did not mean retirement from agriculture, as Howard returned to full-time farming. Howard has also served as the president of the Sheep



Left: Howard and his family at the Hall of Fame induction ceremony, 2005.



Top: Sending sheep to Ship Island, away from predators, for the summer.

Producers Association of Newfoundland and Labrador (SPANL), a post he held multiple times. During his time as President of SPANL, Howard spearheaded various training programs, oversaw an industry development strategy, and guided the organization to a position of financial stability.

Howard has been the longest serving member of SPANL and has been instrumental in keeping the association operating for the benefit of members.

Morry's Sheep Farm primarily sells its product through direct marketing, and also sells lamb through local grocer Bidgood's, with whom it has done business for over 30 years. Howard notes that there is always more demand than supply of fresh local lamb and he always sells whatever he produces.

Howard's interest in agriculture stems from having grown up on a mixed farming operation in Ferryland. His background in and passion for sheep farming has led him to develop innovative means of raising sheep.

For example, to address the issue of predation, many of Howard's sheep are raised on islands where predators like coyotes cannot harm them. One of the islands is just outside

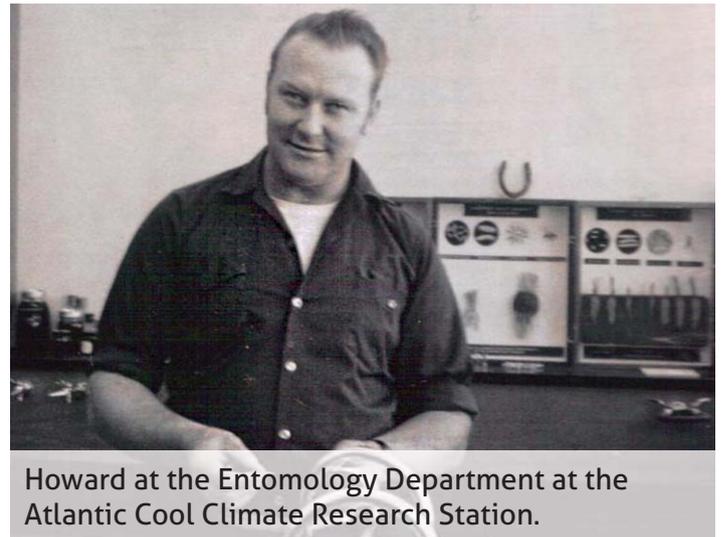


Ferryland, and the other is near Burnt Cove. Howard has raised up to 180 sheep at a time on-island, but usually raises closer to 100 or 120, as he sees this as the optimal number.

Solutions to the issue of predation is a topic that Howard has devoted much of his time to over the years. Howard has worked with government on this issue, and donated many hours of time volunteering on the Coyote Control Committee.

In addition to the time he devotes to other organizations and committees, Howard also served the sheep industry as its representative on the Board of Directors of the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Agriculture.

All of the time invested in the agriculture industry by Howard has not gone unnoticed. In 2005, acknowledging the contributions he has made to the farming community, Howard was inducted into the Atlantic Agricultural Hall of Fame. He was nominated by the Sheep Producers Associa-



Howard at the Entomology Department at the Atlantic Cool Climate Research Station.

tion of Newfoundland and Labrador in recognition of his contribution to agriculture in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Howard was recognized again in March for his lifetime of service to the agricultural industry at a ceremony in St. John's. The Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Agriculture presented Howard with an award recognizing an outstanding contribution to the industry. A slideshow was played at the event to outline Howard's many contributions to the industry.

The Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Agriculture is pleased to profile Morry's Sheep Farm, and to recognize the hard work and dedication of Howard Morry towards the advancement of agriculture in our province. 

Left: Howard and family at the award ceremony in March. Back row (L-R): Grandsons Matthew, James. Front row (L-R): Keith, Howard, Howie.