

The Honourable Charles James Mayer, P.C.

Mr. Mayer is a former Minister of Agriculture for Canada and was a Member of the Canadian House of Commons for 15 years. During his nine years as a Federal Cabinet Minister in the Government of the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney, Mr. Mayer held various posts including: Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Western Economic Diversification, Minister of State, Grain & Oil Seeds, and Minister of State Canadian Wheat Board. Mr. Mayer participated in many national and international meetings on behalf of the Government of Canada including the General Agreement on Trade & Tariffs (now the World Trade Organization) negotiations, the North American Free Trade Agreement, and the Cairns Group.

Charlie Mayer was born and raised in Saskatchewan and obtained a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree from the University of Saskatchewan. He operated a mixed farm in southern Manitoba from 1965 to 1996 that involved purebred cattle and irrigated crops, including potatoes. He is a past Director of the Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association and President of the Manitoba Beef Growers Association as well as the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Limousin Association.

Currently he chairs the Board of Directors of Teilhard Technologies, Agronix Inc. and is a Board member of Vacci-Test Corporation, Agrimax Ltd., CARE Canada, the Global Development Group and the Frontier Centre for public policy. He also chairs the Grower Advisory Council for Monsanto Canada. From 1997 to 2005 he was a member of the Board of Directors of Canada Bread Co. Ltd. and from 1996 to 1999 he served as the Chairman of the Board of the Manitoba Crop Insurance Corporation.

Mr. Mayer was inducted in the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame in 2005.