

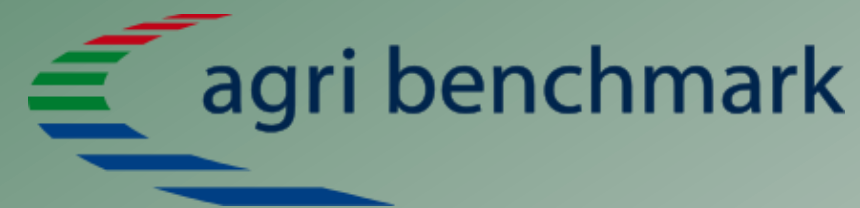


Dick Schoney joined the *agri benchmark* Cash Crop network as one of the co-founders back in 2005. Ever since he was a very active and engaged partner, representing Canadian farmers and agriculture in the network. Through various presentations, papers and projects he imparted his solid understanding of the Canadian perspective in farming to us.

He constantly put effort in stimulating the network's activities and contributed to the growth of *agri benchmark*. For example, he promoted the idea of analyzing leading edge farms. Dick's interests and expertise were a perfect fit for *agri benchmark*. He had a desire to understand and improve the management of grain farms in Saskatchewan and to accurately measure and compare the competitiveness of farms worldwide. Dick was steadfast in his commitment to helping farmers become more profitable through better financial management.

In addition to his very down-to-earth demeanor Dick was keen to stay ahead of sound theory to better understand the dynamics of agriculture. This also made him a great teacher and advisor to PhD students who approached him for advice.

We remember him as a very communicative and friendly person not only looking for scientific exchange but traveling the world and making friends. In the course of the *agri benchmark* conference in Saskatoon back in 2008 Dick and his wife Madeline invited the entire crew for a BBQ at their home. We fondly remember and appreciate Dick and Madeline's great spirit of hospitality. We will keep very good memories of Dick. During our next *agri benchmark* Cash Crop conference in China we will have a moment of silence to remember Dick.



Group picture Cash Crop Conference 2008, Saskatoon – hosted by Dick and his team

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# In Memoriam Dick Schoney

## We've lost a great partner and friend

