



Georg Thomas (Tom) Clark Ernst

Inducted 2010

As extension forester with the Dept. of Lands and Forests, he played a significant role in forming the Lunenburg County Christmas Tree Producers Assoc. in 1967. He assisted in establishing new grower associations, the formation of the NS Christmas Tree Council, the promotion of research and demonstration lots, the training of Dept. specialists, and the delivery of extension programs. Through Tom's hard work, NS became the first non-state member of the US National Christmas Tree Assoc. and he has been the province's only representative. In 1995, Tom was the driving force to designate Lunenburg County as the "Balsam Fir Christmas Tree Capital of the World." Tom served as president of the NS Forest Products Association. He was western regional woodlot owner of the year (2006) and was inducted into the Christmas Tree Hall of Fame (2008).

Graduate University of New Brunswick (BScF 1957)

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