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## 2012 Forage Industry Innovation Award Presented to Chris Nykoluk

The Saskatchewan Forage Council (SFC) is pleased to announce presentation of the 2012 Forage Industry Innovation Award to Ms. Chris Nykoluk at the recent SFC Annual Meeting held June 28, 2012 near Lestock, SK. This award recognizes exemplary innovation, leadership, service and stewardship in Saskatchewan's forage industry.



Chris Nykoluk

2012 Forage Industry Innovation Award recipient

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Chris Nykoluk has been employed with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) since 1991 and recently retired from her position as Range Management Specialist. For more than 20 years Chris worked tirelessly on stewardship initiatives for AAFC's Community Pastures Program, monitoring and developing management plans for more than 30 pastures covering an area of over 700,000 acres. She also played an important role in the stewardship of other lands as well, working with producers and industry partners across the province. Chris has undoubtedly had a direct impact on the sustainability of a significant portion of Saskatchewan's rangeland ecosystems.

In addition to her accomplishments related to rangeland stewardship, one of her most significant contributions to the forage and livestock industry is her passion for education. Chris has been involved in a long list of extension activities including industry newsletters

(*Saskatchewan Livestock & Forage Gazette*), articles/publications, workshops/courses (including the *Saskatchewan Pasture School*), and international training. Chris believes in partnerships and working together and her efforts and resulting successes clearly exhibit that. She is a lifelong learner, obtaining two adult education certificates in recent years. This knowledge and skill set strengthened her ability to educate others.

Chris Nykoluk very clearly exemplifies the best of our industry in her leadership, expertise and partnership approach for the betterment of Saskatchewan's forage and livestock industry. The

Saskatchewan Forage Council congratulates Chris on winning the 2012 Forage Industry Innovation Award. In honour of Chris, the SFC has made a contribution in her name to the [Alicia Hargrave Memorial Bursary](#), College of Agriculture and Bioresources at the University of Saskatchewan.

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