



*Celebrating **150** years of agriculture*

The History of the Central Experimental Farm

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Abstract:

This presentation will outline the history of the Central Experimental Farm, its founding and the role it has played in the settlement of the Canadian prairies and the huge economic returns it has provided for the agricultural sector of this country. For decades this iconic farm within the city has been delivering world-class science and valuable crop and horticultural plants for the benefit of all Canadians. This presentation will provide details of the role played by AAFC agricultural research in Canada over the past 150 years.

Biography:

Dr. Michèle Marcotte is a world-wide recognized professional food engineer. In February 2009, the Quebec Order of Engineers that regroups more than 50,000 engineers featured a cover story in its monthly magazine on the role of engineering for food safety. Dr. Marcotte also developed a unique two-step drying process for cranberries that was implemented commercially in Quebec. Other significant developments include a prototype pilot oven for the optimization of baking that has been developed with a cake and cookie manufacturing company in Quebec and computer software to establish cooking-cooling cycle for meat products. Dr. Michèle Marcotte is currently the Director Research, Development and Technology at the Ottawa Research and Development Centre, located in Ottawa at the Central Experimental Farm. The Centre is part of the Ontario-Quebec Region of the Science and Technology Branch of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.



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