

Donald Halseth, Professor Emeritus at Cornell University, recently was honored by The Potato Association of America as Honorary Life Member in Portland, Maine. The organization is a professional society made up of research and extension workers and industry representatives devoted to the improvement of potatoes. Honorary Life Membership is the highest honor of the society.

Don has been an active member of the society participating and leading various sections and committees since 1982. He served on the executive board and as President in 2010.

Don's leadership in the applied research and extension program in New York was recognized. His involvement in the potato breeding programs at Cornell, USDA, Maine, North Carolina and others has led to the naming of many potato varieties. Don's participation and leadership in the snack food potato trials has been instrumental in evaluating newly released cultivars and promising lines under differing environmental conditions.

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