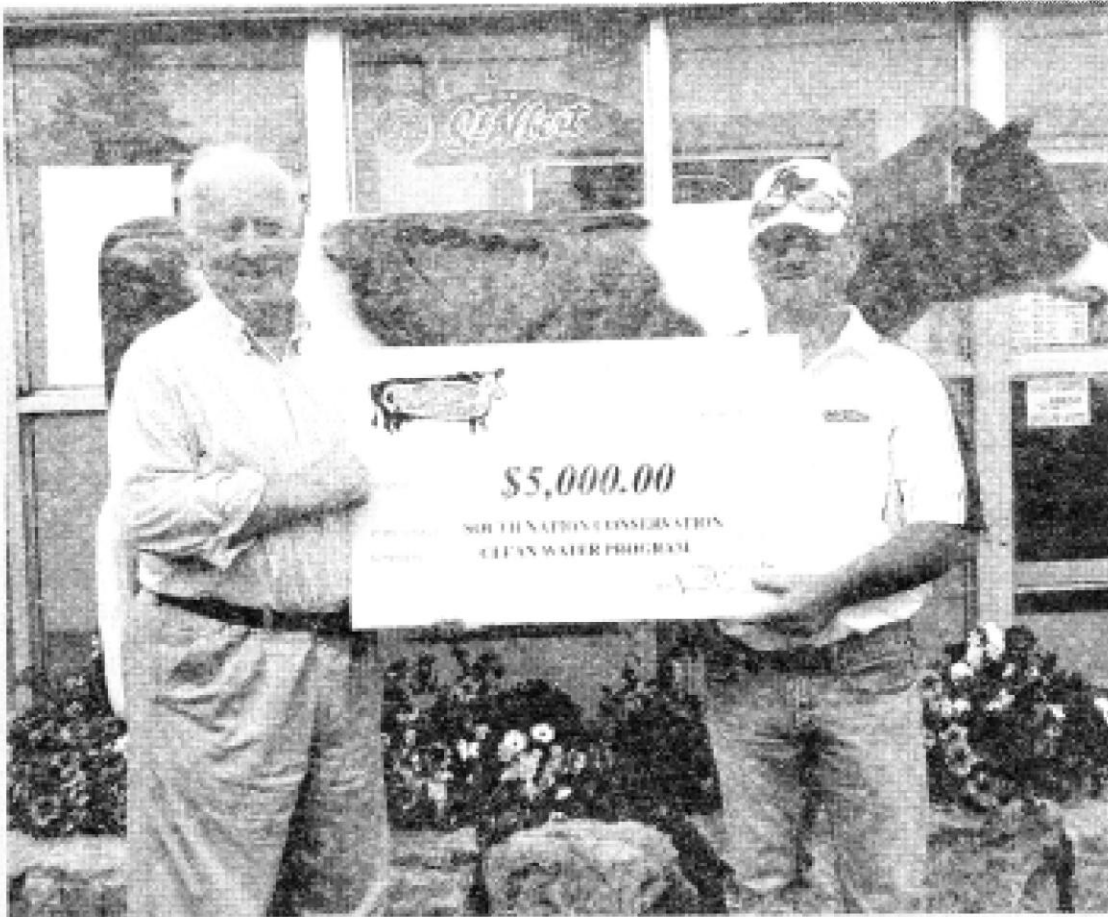


St-Albert Cheese donates \$5,000 more to Clean Water program



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A public-private partnership keeps paying dividends in the form of better water in the South Nation River watershed. The St-Albert Cheese Co-op has continued its commitment to water quality initiatives with the presentation of a \$5,000 cheque from President Denis Latour to the South Nation Conservation Clean Water Program. Above, Latour (right) presents the cheque to South Nation committee chairman Denis Perrault. Perrault said that the funding not only helps improve water quality in the watershed, but is also a way to give back to the agricultural sector. "We're proud to be associated with the Clean Water Program," added Latour. "We consider our contribution to be part of our overall support of the community and the region." The Clean Water Program has provided a pro-active approach to protection of South Nation River water resources since 1993. Many watershed residents rely on the South Nation River for drinking water, livestock watering, crop production, recreation, and fisheries habitat. Since 1993, over \$2.1 million has been granted to local farmers and landowners for 681 projects that address non-point source pollution and protect surface and ground water quality. Total value of these projects is estimated at \$10,406,279.