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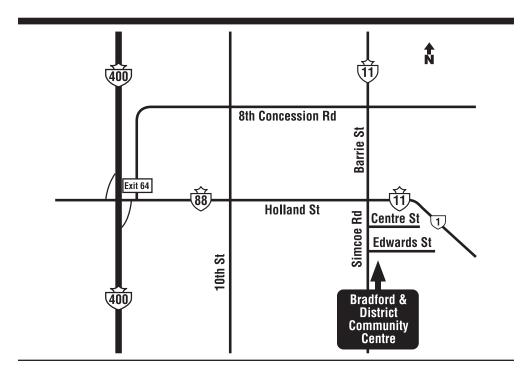
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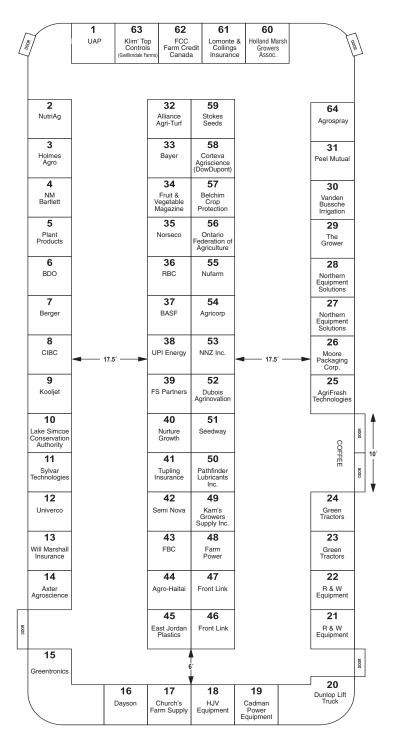
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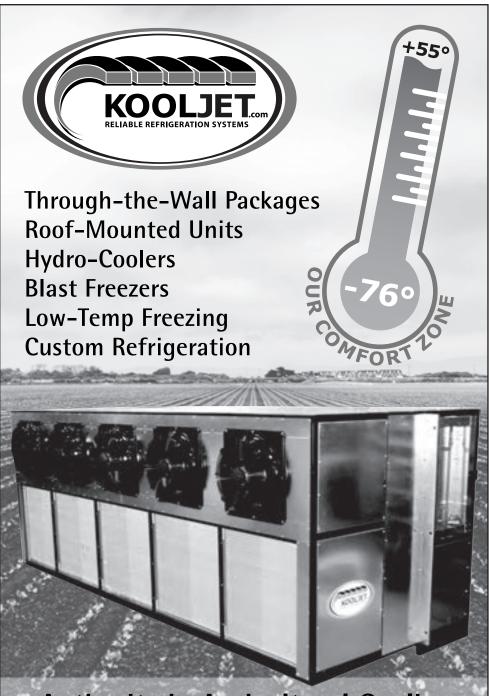


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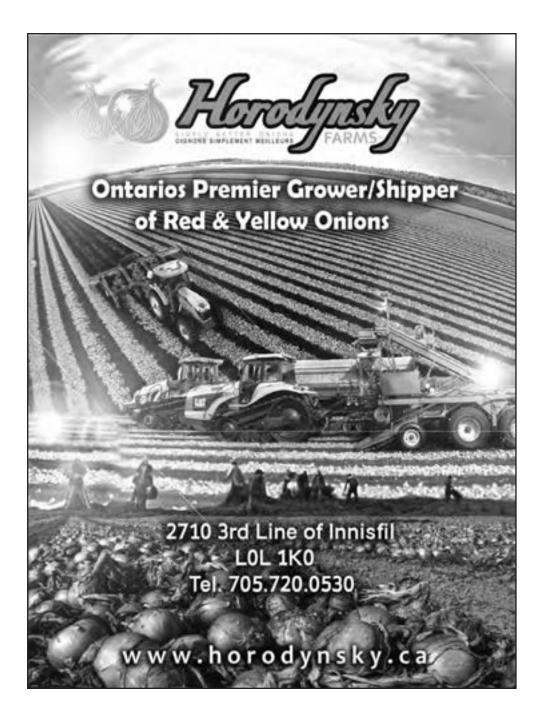
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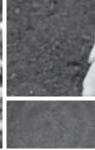














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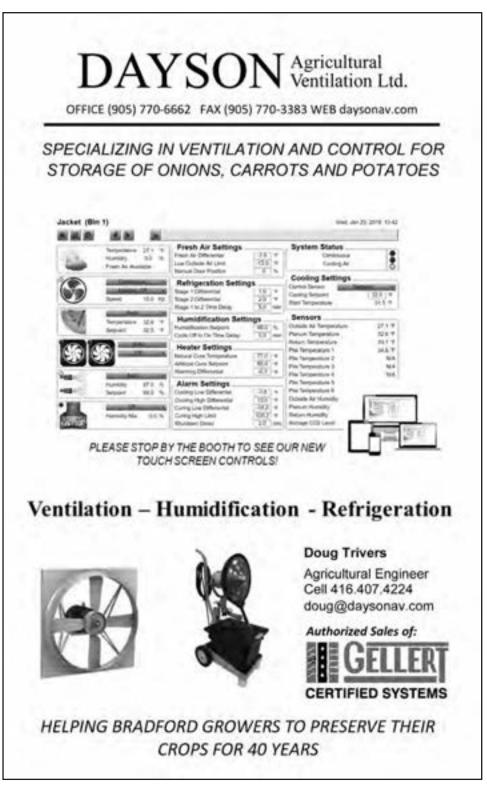
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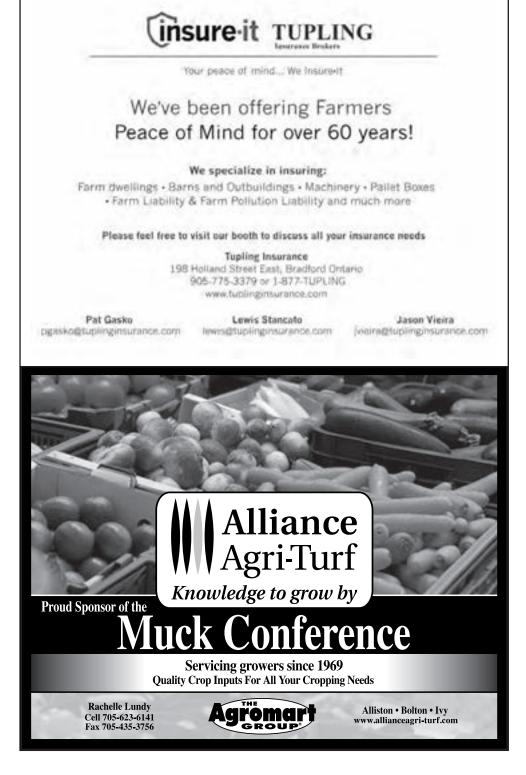
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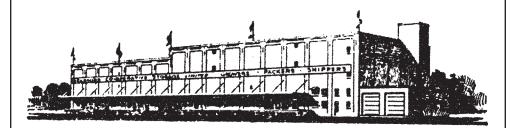


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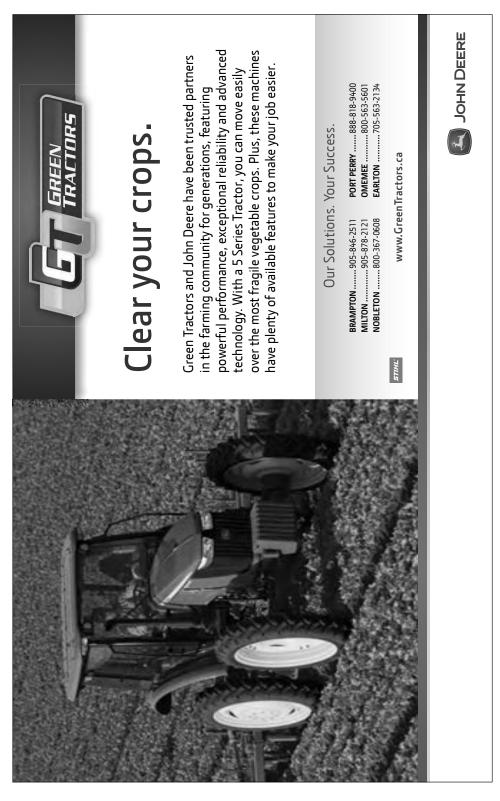


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Wednesday morning, March 27 Chair: Dennis Van Dyk

- 9:00 9:20 Highlights of the carrot cultivar trials. **Shawn Janse** and M.R. McDonald
- 9:20 9:40 Highlights of carrot research trials. Mary Ruth McDonald and K. Vander Kooi
- 9:40 10:00 Managing leaf curl in celery. **Stephen Reynolds**, K. Vander Kooi and M.R. McDonald
- 10:00 10:45 BREAK
- 10:45 11:05 Weed control in carrots: Results and Insights. Clarence Swanton
- 11:05 11:15 Funding for Muck Farmers, Helping you protect your soil and water resources. Lori McLean
- 11:15 11:25 Industry update Syngenta. Patricia Kloepfer and Sam Livesey
- 11:25 11:45 Crop protection re-evaluation update mancozeb, neonics, etc. Chris Duyvelshoff
- 11:45 11:55 Permit to Take Water, Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change.
- 11:55 12:00 Update from the Holland Marsh Growers Association. Jody Mott
- 12:00 1:30 LUNCH

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1:30 – 2:00	Nematodes in carrots: California trials. Joe Nunez
2:00 – 2:20	Nematode management for carrots and garlic in Ontario. Tyler Blauel , D. Van Dyk, K. Vander Kooi and M.R. McDonald
2:20 – 2:40	IPM Update the year in review and plans for 2019. Zach Telfer , K. Vander Kooi and M.R. McDonald
2:40 – 3:00	Enhancing beneficial insects around the Marsh: The Berm Debate. Dillon Muldoon , M.R. McDonald and C. Scott-Dupree
3:00 – 3:30	BREAK
3:30 – 3:50	Flea beetles in carrots. A new pest? Joe Nunez
3:50 - 4:00	Industry update Corteva. Paul Foran and Chantal Veilleux
4:00 – 4:20	Labour shortages or expenses? Try a robotic weeder. Teric Greenan
4:20 - 4:40	Improving control of carrot weevil. Alexandra Stinson , Zach Telfer, C. Scott-Dupree and M.R. McDonald

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Registration 8:30 am

Thursday morning, March 28

Chair: Travis Cranmer

- 9:00 9:20 Update on onion research trials. **Kevin Vander Kooi**, L. Riches and M. R. McDonald
- 9:20 9:45 Highlights of the onion cultivar trials. **Shawn Janse** and M.R. McDonald
- 9:45 9:55 Another approach to onion maggot control sterile insect release. **Travis Cranmer**
- 9:55 10:05 Industry update Bayer. Marieke Patton
- 10:05 10:45 BREAK
- 10:45 11:05 Minor Use for Muck Vegetables Update. Jim Chaput
- 11:05 11:15 Industry update BASF. Tom Clarke
- 11:15 12:00 Management of Stemphylium on onions results from New York State. Sarah Pethybridge
- 12:00 1:30 LUNCH

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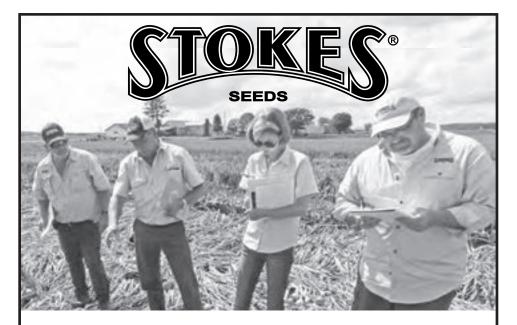
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Thursday afternoon, March 28 Chair: Tyler Blauel

1:30 – 2:00	Management of Stemphylium on onions in Ontario. Sara Stricker, Jake Carson, B.D. Gossen and M.R. McDonald
2:00 – 2:10	Industry update Syngenta. Patricia Kloepfer and Sam Livesey
2:10 – 2:25	What can the Ontario Produce Marketing Association do for you? Emilia de Sousa
2:25 – 2:45	Mycorrhizae and muck crops: What can they do? Umbrin Ilyas , L. duToit, M. Raizada and M.R. McDonald
2:45 – 3:15	Advances in Sprayer Technology tested in the field. Jason Deveau and Dennis Van Dyk

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TYLER BLAUEL University of Guelph – Guelph

Tyler Blauel is a research associate in the Department of Plant Agriculture, University of Guelph, based out of the Muck Crops Research Station in the Holland Marsh. His research focuses on the impact and management of plant-parasitic nematodes on various crops, including carrots and garlic. He also assists in plant disease diagnostics, culturing pathogens and conducting field trials at the station. Tyler completed his B.Sc. (Env) and M.Sc. at the University of Guelph, specializing in plant pathology and nematode management.



JAKE A. CARSON University of Guelph – Guelph

Jake A. Carson is a graduate student (MSc) in the Ontario Agricultural College at the University of Guelph, Ontario. His research focuses on diseases of onion such as Stemphylium leaf blight (SLB) and onion downy mildew (ODM). The objectives of his research are as follows: to determine the efficacy of disease forecasting models for predicting SLB and ODM in southern Ontario, to isolate and characterize toxins produced by Stemphylium that are specific toward onion, and to utilize passive sensors, i.e. multispectral and thermal imaging, to detect SLB of onion plants.

Jake received his B. Sc. in Microbiology/Chemistry from Wilfrid Laurier University, where he mainly focused on cell, molecular, and microbial biology and genetics. Jake completed his undergraduate thesis on plant-microbe interactions, which increased his interest in agriculture and lead him to study at the University of Guelph.



JIM CHAPUT

Provincial Minor Use Co-ordinator Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Ministry of Rural Affairs

Jim received his B.Sc. (Agr.) in 1986 and his M.Sc. in 1989 from the University of Guelph where he specialized in Horticulture and Entomology. His master's thesis was a study of Aster leafhopper and Aster yellows complex.

From 1989 until 2000 Jim worked as Vegetable IPM Specialist, responsible for developing reliable and sustainable crop management programs for bulb vegetables, carrots, radish, leafy vegetables, Brassica vegetables and Asian vegetables in Ontario. In that capacity Jim provided assistance to growers, consultants, agri-business, researchers and other extension personnel to help develop and deliver effective pest management strategies as part of an integrated crop management strategy.

Jim is past chairperson of the Ontario Muck Crops Research & Services Committee, and of the Ontario Crucifer Crops Research & Services Committee. Jim is past chairperson of the National Minor Use Working Group, and a member of the NAFTA Technical Working Group on Pesticides and an active member of the Scientific Technical Committee of the AAFC-Pest Management Centre. Jim is the past editor of Ontario's Vegetable Production Guide, author of several fact sheets, IPM handbooks and videos for growers, scouts and consultants.

As provincial minor use coordinator, Jim is responsible for coordinating minor use submissions, provincial minor use priority-setting and acting as provincial liaison between Ontario's specialty crops industries and key minor use stakeholders nationally and internationally. Jim has been the recipient of the 2002 BRAVO Commitment to Service award and the 2005 OVFGA Award of Merit.



THOMAS CLARKE Crop Specialist, BASF

Tom Clarke has a Plant Pathology Bachelor of Science & Agriculture Degree from the Ohio State University. He was the OMAFRA Hort. Crop Advisor at the Muck Research Station from 1995-2001.

Currently, Tom has been a Hort. Crop Specialist for BASF since 2015.



TRAVIS CRANMER Vegetable Crops Specialist – OMAFRA, Guelph

Travis Cranmer is a vegetable crops specialist with OMAFRA focusing on production and crop protection of vegetable crops including onions, garlic, Brassicas and leafy greens. Currently he is conducting surveys for leek moth and clubroot, testing biostimulants and starting a sterile fly release project for onion maggot management.

Travis received his B.Sc. in biology and M.Sc. in plant production systems with an emphasis on plant pathology at the University of Guelph. After receiving his degree, Travis worked at Vineland Research in the plant pathology lab testing biopesticides on hydroponic crops.



JASON DEVEAU

Application Technology Specialist – OMAFRA, Simcoe

Jason holds an honours B.Sc. in Biology & Psychology from Mount Allison University, a M.Sc. in Plant cell physiology & Metabolism from York University and a Ph.D. in Plant cell electrophysiology from the University of Guelph. Based in Ontario's Simcoe Resource Centre, his current focus is on developing educational materials for sprayer operators, and researching practical methods to optimize spray effectiveness and reduce waste. Author of Airblast101 – A Handbook of Best Practices in Airblast Spraying, he co-administers www.sprayers101.com.



CHRIS DUYVELSHOFF Crop Protection Advisor – OFVGA, Guelph

Chris Duyvelshoff is Crop Protection Advisor at the Ontario Fruit & Vegetable Growers' Association (OFVGA) in Guelph, Ontario. The OFVGA advocates on behalf of Ontario's fruit, vegetable and greenhouse farmers and the edible horticulture industry, and represents its members provincially, nationally, and internationally. Chris' role is to ensure that OFVGA's member growers have access to the crop protection tools they need to protect their valuable crops. This includes supporting continued access to currently registered crop protection materials and seeking new registrations for edible horticulture crops. Chris also reviews crop protection policy at both the federal and provincial levels.

Chris has been in roles supporting edible horticulture growers since 2012. He began his career in agricultural extension in Nova Scotia and previously worked for Syngenta Canada in Ontario prior to joining OFVGA. Chris has received a B.Sc.(Agr) degree with a horticulture major and an M.Sc. in plant agriculture from the University of Guelph.



TERIC GREENAN CEO of Nexus Robotics, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Teric grew up in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He ran a vegetable farm in Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia for three years before starting Nexus Robotics. Teric observed there were a lot of repetitive tasks that were consuming farmers' resources. Teric knew repetitive tasks were good candidates to be automated by a robot and approached his close friend Jad Tawil about building one. Jad, a computer engineer, agreed to help him, and they began designing the robot in October of 2016. Teric's experience on the farm has been valuable for guiding product development at Nexus. Teric has also been studying entrepreneurship through reading books and attending workshops.



UMBRIN ILYAS University of Guelph - Guelph

Umbrin Ilyas is a graduate student in the Department of Plant Agriculture, University of Guelph, Ontario. Her research focuses use of commercial mycorrhizal products in existing agriculture under supervision of Dr. Mary Ruth McDonald. She evaluated the effect of mycorrhizal inoculant on yield and diseases suppression in onions and carrots grown on muck and mineral soil. Another focus of the research is to determine if the application of AM increases phosphorus content of onions and carrots and reduce the phosphorus content of soil.

Umbrin Ilyas earn her B.Sc in Plant Agriculture from University of Punjab, Punjab, Pakistan. She has previously conducted research on chickpea diseases prevailing in Pakistan.



SHAWN JANSE University of Guelph – Holland Marsh

Shawn was born and raised in the Holland Marsh. Shawn graduated from the University of Guelph's Associated Diploma in Agriculture in 1990 where he specialized in the horticulture program. Shawn has worked at the Muck Crops Research Station as an Agricultural Technician, and is has been the Research Station Manager since 1999. Shawn is also responsible for the Onion and Carrot Variety Trials conducted at the Research Station .



MARY RUTH McDONALD University of Guelph - Guelph

Dr. Mary Ruth McDonald is a professor in the Department of Plant Agriculture, University of Guelph, Ontario. Her research focuses on plant diseases and integrated pest management of vegetable crops including onions, carrots, leafy greens and Brassica crops. The program also investigates clubroot of canola and foliar diseases of pulse crops. She teaches a a graduate course on plant disease management. Mary Ruth is the Research Program Director for the Plant Production theme of the OMAFRA/University of Guelph partnership. She has received a number of regional, national and international awards for extension education. Recently, the Muck Crops IPM program received the International IPM Award of Excellence for a regional program, from the International IPM Symposium.

Mary Ruth received her B. Sc (Agr), M.Sc. and Ph.D. from the University of Guelph where she specialized in plant protection and plant pathology. She has worked in the Bradford Marsh area since the 1980's as a pest management scout, Pest Management Advisor, Research Scientist and Station Manager with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, before joining the University of Guelph.



LORI MCLEAN Restoration Project Specialist, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA)

Lori is responsible for leading and delivering restoration programming within the Lake Simcoe watershed. Lori provides landowner outreach, technical advice and administers financial support for project implementation through the LSRCA's Restoration Funding Program. Lori received her B.Sc.(Hon) from the University of Guelph, majoring in Wildlife Biology and has worked for the LSRCA for over a decade in many different capacities, including science & monitoring and communications.



DILLON BRIAN MULDOON University of Guelph. - Guelph

Dillon is a M.Sc. student in the School of Environmental Science (SES) at the Ontario Agriculture College (OAC) under the supervision of Dr. Cynthia Scott-Dupree and Dr. Mary Ruth McDonald. His research within the Holland Marsh focuses on aspects of both Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and pollinator conservation, through the enhancement of canal berms. His project aims to assess the diversity and abundance of natural enemies and pollinators at the marsh, and how berm enhancements can optimize conditions for beneficial insects without harboring insect pest populations.

Dillon received his B.Sc. Honours from Trent University in Sustainable Agriculture in 2017 with a focus in entomology and community food systems. Before this he completed his Red Seal in the culinary industry where he worked with regional producers to procure local ingredients for the kitchens. He currently serves as a member of the SES Graduate Student Council (GSC), the Treasurer and Colloquium Head of the OAC GSC, and the OAC Graduate Student Rep on the University of Guelph Senate. His goal is to continue his schooling, enhancing his knowledge and research skills to obtain a career in agricultural research and extension.



JOE NUNEZ

University of California - Bakersfield

Joe is the vegetable and plant pathology farm advisor for the University of California Cooperative Extension assigned to Kern County. Kern County has over 36420 hectares of vegetables in production each year. Carrots, potatoes, sweet potatoes, onions, garlic, tomatoes, melons and various leafy vegetables are grown in Kern County. Mr. Nunez conducts research on a wide variety of these vegetable crops. Cavity spot of carrots, bacterial early dying of potato, CMV of peppers and crop sustainability are some of Mr. Nunez's areas of research. Joe is also an adjunct professor at Bakersfield College where he teaches vegetable crop production.

Joe received his Masters of Science at California State University, Fresno in Plant Sciences and a Bachelors of Science in Biology at California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo. He has been a farm advisor for UCCE since 1996 and lives in Bakersfield California.



MARIEKE PATTON Territory Sales Manager, Bayer Crop Science Inc. – Eastern Canada, Central and Northern Ontario

Marieke Patton grew up on a mixed farm in South Simcoe County and attending the University of Guelph where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. Marieke started working with Bayer as a summer student and has been a Territory Sales Manager for 15 years throughout Central, East Central and Northern Ontario working with retail and grower customers. In her spare time she enjoys farming with her husband and two daughters, curling, gardening and skiing.



SARAH J. PETHYBRIDGE Cornell University, New York, USA

Dr. Sarah Pethybridge is an assistant professor at Cornell AgriTech at The New York State Agricultural Experiment Station, Cornell University, Geneva, New York, USA. Her research and extension program focuses on supporting the New York broadacre processing and vegetable industries, and specializes in diseases affecting bean (snap, lima and dry), table beet, and onions. In 2018, she was awarded the Cornell University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Research and Extension Award for Early Achievement.

Sarah received her B. Agr. Sc. (Honors) and Ph.D. in Plant Pathology from the University of Tasmania, Australia. She joined Cornell University in 2014 after roles as an Extension Plant Pathologist at the University of Tasmania; and Science Group Leader (Field Crops) at the New Zealand Institute for Plant & Food Research.



STEPHEN REYNOLDS University of Guelph – Guelph

Stephen graduated with a B.Sc. majoring in Plant Science and is a current PhD student under Dr. Mary Ruth McDonald in the department of Plant Agriculture at the University of Guelph, Ontario. His research involves the investigation of a new disease on celery in Ontario, called leaf curl (anthracnose). His research focuses on the management of leaf curl, including screening for cultivar resistance, and assessing forecasting models for predicting disease risk. His research also focuses on the disease cycle and biology of the pathogen, including host range, characterizing the infection process on celery, the pathogen's genetics, determining the overwintering site, and determining whether the pathogen can be introduced by seed.



MATT SHEPPARD Bradford Co-operative Storage Ltd - Bradford

Matt has been the General Manager of the Bradford Co-operative Storage Ltd since 2008. The Co-op services the unique Holland Marsh, Cookstown and Keswisk marshes, which boast the richest soil in North America. The Co-op is one of Ontario's last farmer owned co-operatives. Matt takes pride in giving local farmers the same purchasing power as factory farms, providing a ready source of quality crop inputs and exceptional customer service. Matt is a member of the OFVGA Crop Protection Committee and the co-chair of the Holland Marsh Horticultural Advisory Committee.

Matt began his career in agriculture in the Holland Marsh at Antonio Bajar Greenhouses Ltd., where he worked from 1998 to 2008 as Director of Operations. Matt earned his Business Diploma from Seneca College in King. He was raised in Bradford and continues to reside there with his wife and two sons.



ALEXANDRA STINSON University of Guelph – Guelph

Alexandra is a M.Sc. student in the School of Environmental Science, University of Guelph, Ontario, under the supervision of Dr. Cynthia Scott-Dupree and Dr. Mary Ruth McDonald. Her current research is focused on improving various aspects of the integrated pest management program for both carrot weevil and carrot rust fly at the Holland Marsh. This includes the identification of alternative, effective chemical controls and the assessment of possible cultural controls. In 2016, she was awarded the Highly Qualified Personnel scholarship by the Ontario Agri-Food Innovation Alliance to fund her graduate degree.

Alexandra received her B.Sc. (Env) in Environmental Science at the University of Guelph in 2016. She currently serves as the Communications Rep on the SES Graduate Student Council and Events Coordinator on the OAC Graduate Student Council. She hopes to someday use the skills she's learned during her graduate studies to help find sustainable solutions to local growers' pest problems.



SARA STRICKER University of Guelph – Guelph

Sara Stricker is currently a Ph.D. student in the Plant Agriculture Department at the University of Guelph, specializing in plant pathology. Her current research, with Dr. Mary Ruth McDonald, focuses on disease management in an integrated pest management system to predict and control Stemphylium leaf blight of onion.

Sara completed her Bachelor of Science and Masters of Science at the University of Guelph, in addition to a Bachelor of Education from the University of Western Ontario. As a plant pathologist and educator, Sara is very involved in several professional organizations. She is a member of the Canadian Phytopathological Society Education Committee, the Chair of the Canadian Society for Horticultural Science Student Committee, a member of the Plant Agriculture Graduate Student Liaison Committee, and the Social Media Coordinator for the 2019 Guelph Corteva Plant Science Symposium. She has a passion for science, education, and plant pathology and is enjoys giving presentations at meetings like this.



CLARENCE SWANTON University of Guelph - Guelph

Dr. Swanton obtained his BSc in Botany from the University of Toronto, His MSc in Agrometerology from the University of Guelph, and a PhD in Plant Ecology from the University of Western Ontario. During the years between earning his MSc and his PhD, he was employed as a field agronomist with the Campbell Soup Company of Canada and later as a weed biologist with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food. In 1985 he joined the University of Guelph as a faculty member in the Department of Crop Science. In 1996 he was promoted to full professor. From 1998 to 2004, Clarence served as the first Chair of the Department of Plant Agriculture which included the Departments of Crop Science, Horticulture and the Horticulture Research Institute of Ontario. From 2007 to 2008 he served as President of the Canadian Weed Science Society. He has won numerous awards for his research including the Outstanding Canadian in the area of Crop Protection from Bayer CropScience in 2013 for exceptional contributions to science and innovation. His research is focussed on weed ecology and the development of integrated weed management systems for field and horticultural crops.



ZACH TELFER University of Guelph – Holland Marsh

Zach is the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Co-Ordinator for the Muck Crops Research Station. He completed his M.Sc. at the University of Guelph, Ontario supervised by Dr. Mary Ruth McDonald and Dr. Cynthia Scott-Dupree where his research focused on improving management of the carrot weevil. Zach received his B.Sc. from the University of Guelph where he focused on entomology and IPM. His undergraduate thesis, supervised by Dr. Rebecca Hallett and Dr. Justin Renkema, assessed the potential for a commercially available biological control agent to reduce spotted wing drosophila infestations. In addition to his responsibilities running the IPM program, he performs research on improving carrot weevil control, using drones to improve field scouting, and updating and improving disease forecasting models.



KEVIN VANDER KOOI University of Guelph – Holland Marsh

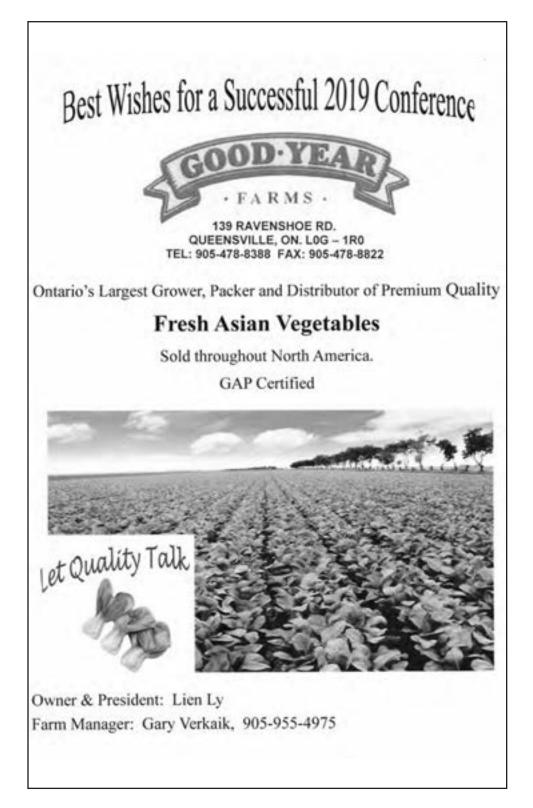
Kevin was born and raised on a vegetable farm in the Holland Marsh. He graduated from the University of Guelph's Associated Diploma in Agriculture program. He has been working at the research station since 1996. He is currently the Research Technician for Dr. Mary Ruth McDonald's research program. Kevin works with researchers, graduate students, industry partners and growers to coordinate various research projects each year. He enjoys building specialized equipment and improving the technical methods used in the research and seeing the outcome of the research.



DENNIS VAN DYK Vegetable Crop Specialist – OMAFRA, Guelph

Dennis is a vegetable crop specialist with OMAFRA out of Guelph. His portfolio of crops include root vegetables (potatoes, carrots, parsnips, rutabagas, turnips, radish and horseradish). Dennis is involved in applied research projects and the transfer of IPM and production information to growers. Dennis has previously worked as the IPM program coordinator at the Muck Crops Research Station for three seasons.

He is also pursuing his MSc under Mary Ruth McDonald with thesis research focused on nematode management in carrots. Dennis started working at the Muck Crops Research Station as a research assistant and technician in 2010.





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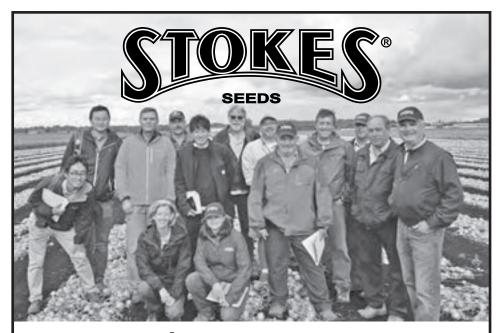
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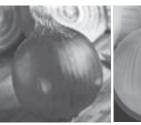
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