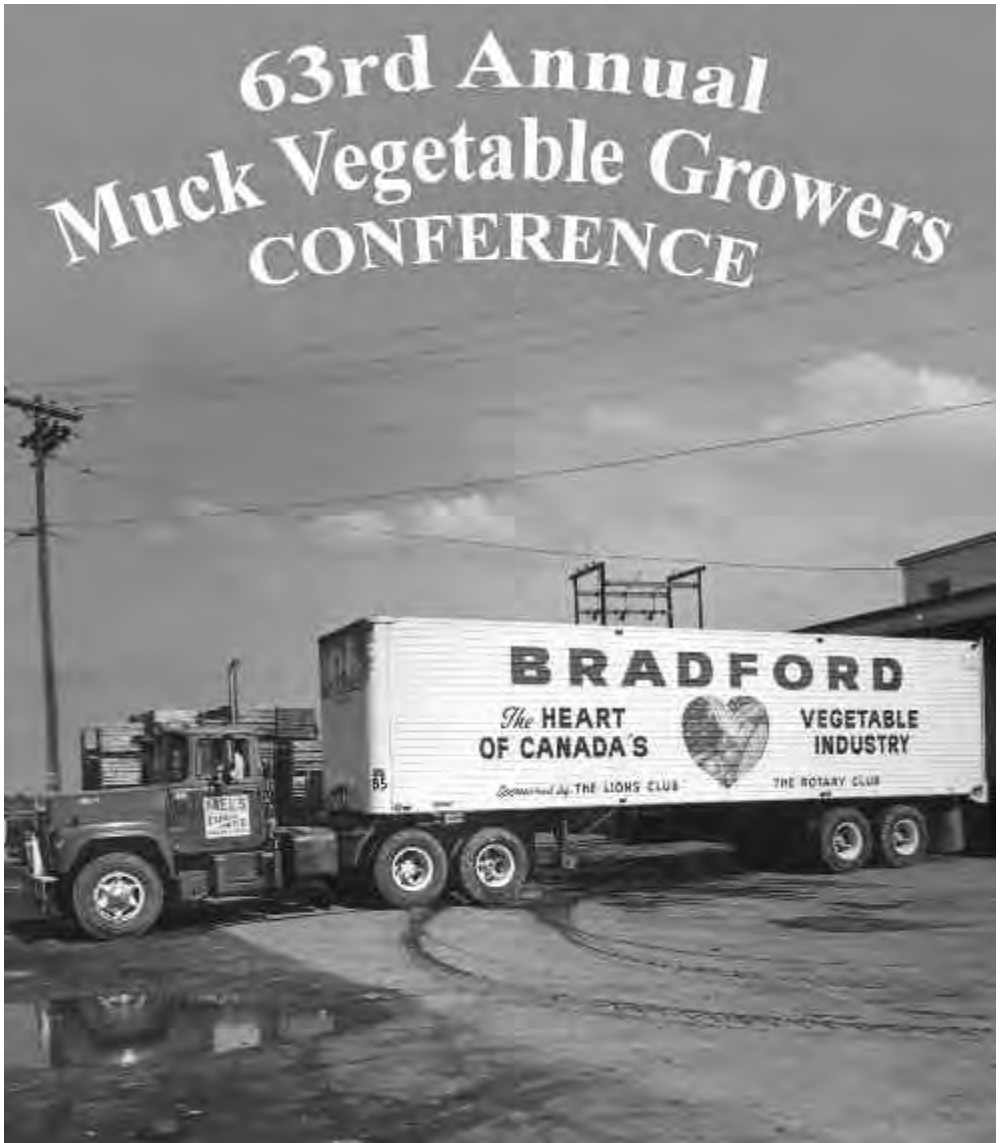


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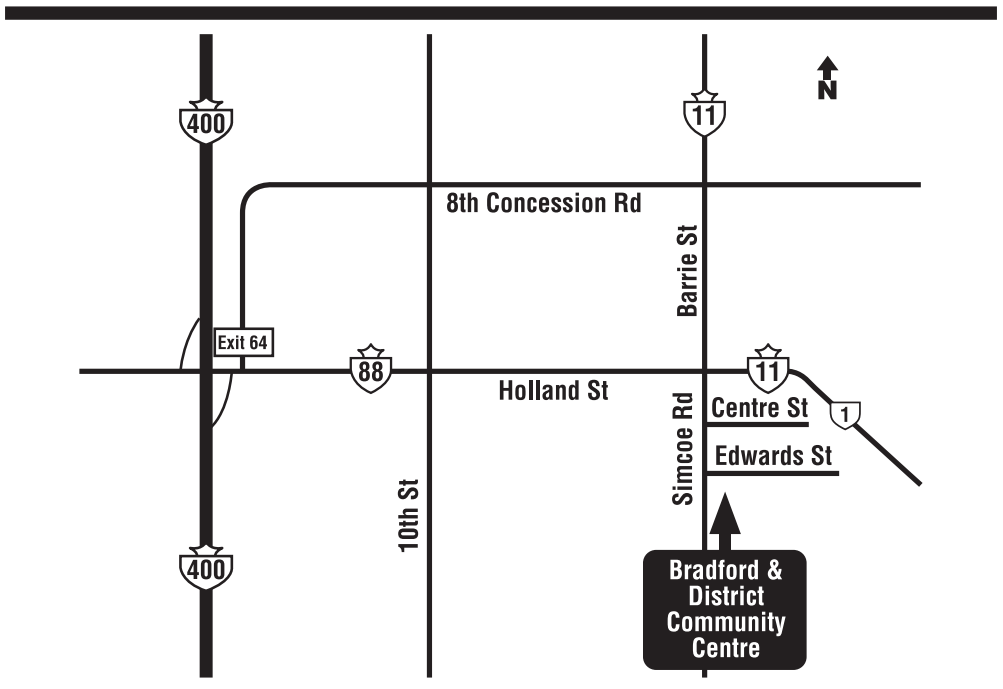
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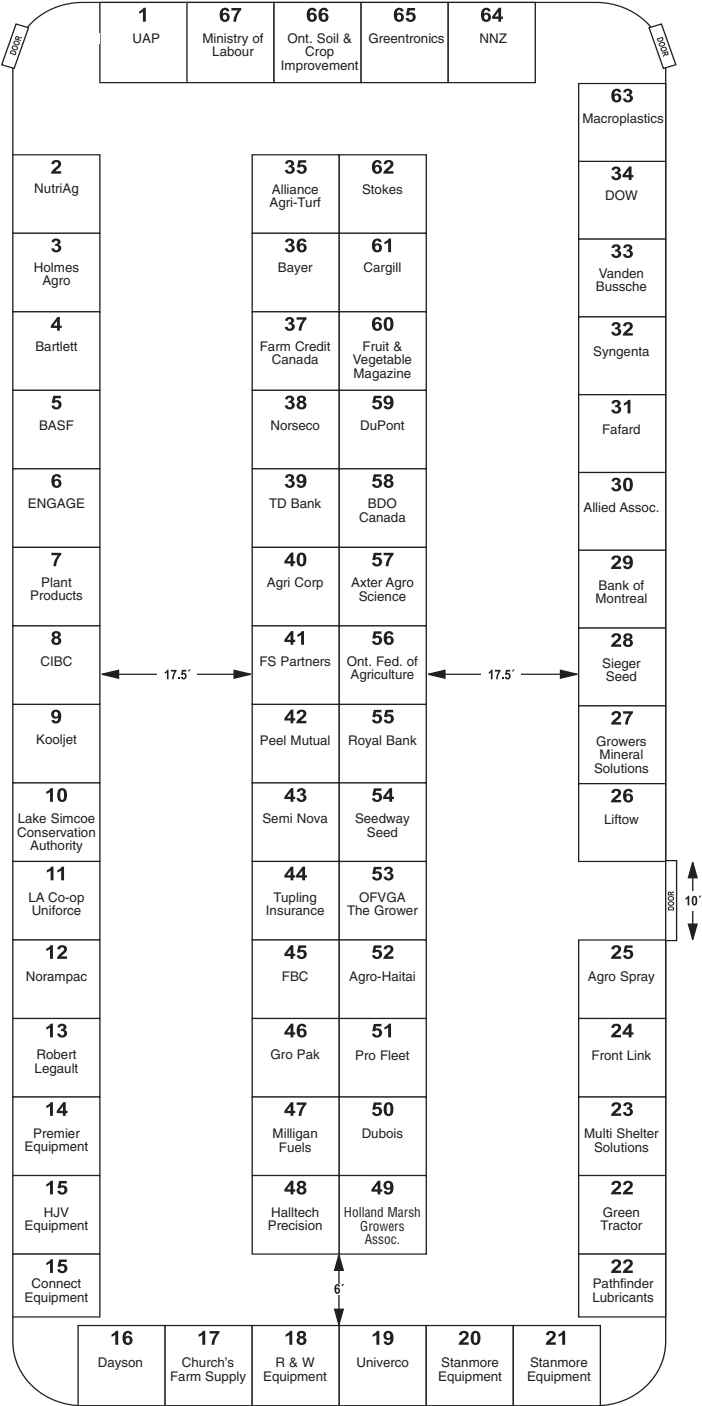
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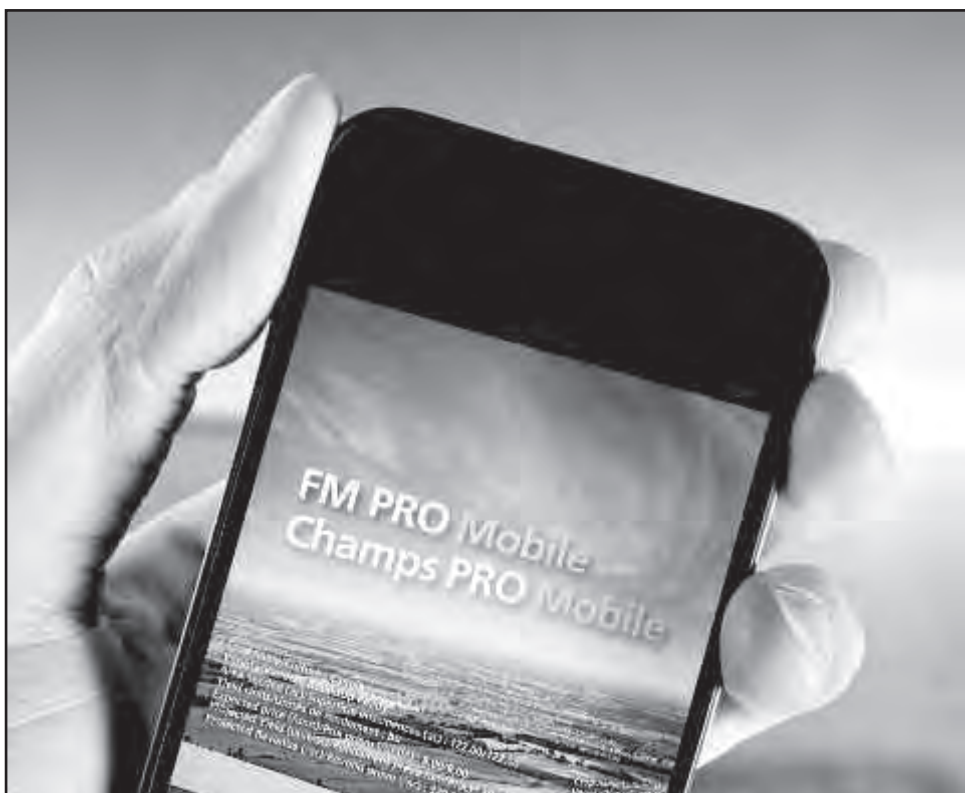
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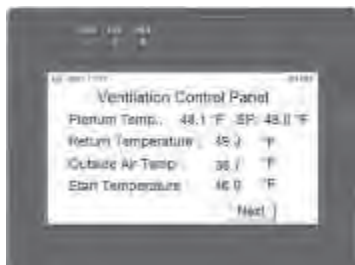
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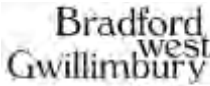


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Best wishes for a successful event!

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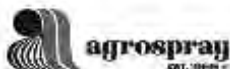
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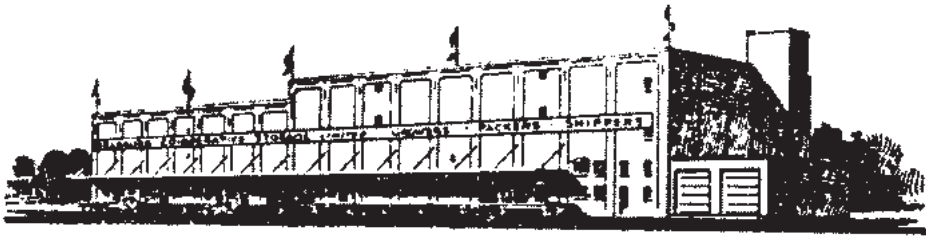
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Wednesday morning, April 9

Chair: Tom Meidema

- 9:00 – 9:20 Research update for carrots and leafy vegetables.
Kevin Vander Kooi, L. Riches, D. Van Dyk, H. Roberts,
M. Tesfaendrias and M.R. McDonald
- 9:20 – 9:40 Highlights of the carrot cultivar trials. **Shawn Janse**
and M.R. McDonald
- 9:40 – 10:00 Carrot wash water treatment options. **Gurvinder Mundi**
and R.G. Zyntner
- 10:00 – 10:45 **BREAK**
- 10:45 – 11:15 The New Era of Diagnostics and Biological Control.
George Lazarovits
- 11:15-11:35 Muck Crops IPM program update and Fusarium on carrots .
Michael Tesfaendrias and Mary Ruth McDonald
- 11:35 – 11:50 Services and Funding Programs available to Holland Marsh
Growers through the Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority.
Lori McLean and P. Martin.
- 11:50 – 12:00 Update from The Fresh Vegetable Growers of Ontario.
Tom Meidema
- 12:00 – 1:30 **LUNCH**

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- 1:30 – 1:50 Linuron resistant weeds. **Francois Tardif**
- 1:50 – 2:10 Nematode control update – experience from other crops in Ontario.
Sean Westerveld
- 2:10 – 2:30 New regulations for applying fumigants. **Murray Stevenson**
and A. Colley
- 2:30 – 2:37 Industry Update: BASF. Zampro- a new fungicide for downy mildew
control. **Bruce Irons**
- 2:37-2:44 Industry Update: Syngenta. Fungicides for carrots and celery.
Jim Anderson
- 2:44- 2:51 Industry update: Engage Agro. **Jen Bush**
- 2:51- 2:58 Industry Update: DuPont. **Sylvain Legault**
- 2:58 – 3:30 **BREAK**
- 3:30 – 3:50 Nematicides to control nematodes on carrots on muck soils. Recent
results. **Dennis Van Dyk**, K. Jordan and M.R. McDonald
- 3:50-3:57 Industry Update: UAP/MANA. Nimitz: a new nematicide.
Don Surgeoner
- 3:57– 4:27 Highlights of weed control research in Michigan. **Bernie Zandstra**

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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.

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FRANÇOIS FOURNIER
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François Fournier is teacher and researcher at Montmorency College in Laval (Quebec) since 2004. He has more than 20 years experience in IPM in vegetable crops research, in biological control methods, and production and commercialization of beneficial insects. During his career, he contributed to the development of trichogram use in sweet corn against the European Corn Borer in Quebec, as well as research for their use in cruciferous crops and cranberries. For the past 10 years, he has supervised a vast research program on the production and use of sterile male releases for the control of the Onion Maggot in Québec. More than 250 ha of onion crops have been treated with sterile males in the past two years and trials are now conducted to validate their use against the Cabbage Maggot.

François Fournier graduated in Biology at Laval University in 1986, Quebec City, and obtained his master degree from McGill University in 1993. He has worked successively for public and private organizations, Agriculture Canada, Groupe Bio-Contrôle, Insecterra inc., in research and development of efficient biological control methods compatible with conventional vegetable production.



CHRISTINE HOEPTING
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Christine Hoepting is a Vegetable Specialist with the Cornell Cooperative Extension Regional Vegetable Program in Western New York, a position she has held since 2001. She conducts on-farm applied farm research projects and demonstrations, and educational programming in onions and cabbage. She has a B.Sc.(1997) degree in Environmental Toxicology and a M.Sc.(2001) in Plant Pathology and Applied Entomology from the University of Guelph. For her graduate research, she evaluated fungicide and insecticide combinations for control of onion smut and onion maggot under the advisory of Dr. Mary Ruth McDonald and Dr. Cynthia Scott-Dupree in the Holland Marsh.



BRUCE IRONS
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Bruce is a Horticulture Technical Specialist with BASF Canada Inc. Bruce lives in Stratford, Ontario with his wife, Glynis and their two sons, Mark and Bradley. Bruce has a B.Ag Management degree from the University of Natal, South Africa and has been a Certified Crop Advisor in Ontario since Jan 2000. He immigrated to Canada from South Africa with his family in 1999.

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MARY RUTH McDONALD
University of Guelph - Guelph

Dr. Mary Ruth McDonald is a professor in the Department of Plant Agriculture, University of Guelph, Ontario. She is also Associate Chair of the department. Her research focuses on plant diseases and integrated pest management of several vegetable crops: onions, carrots, leafy greens and Brassica crops. The emphasis is on disease forecasting and management, management of insect pests, screening for resistance, biological control and crop nutrients in relation to plant disease. She teaches a first year biology course and 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 is the 2011 recipient of the T.R. Hilliard Distinguished Agricultural Extension award from the Ontario Agricultural College, the 2012 recipient of the Distinguished Extension Award from the OAC Alumni Foundation, and is also a recipient of the AIC International Recognition Award.

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 and later as a Pest Management Advisor, research scientist and station manager with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.



LORI MCLEAN
Stewardship Technician
Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA)

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



GURVINDER MUNDI
University of Guelph - Guelph

Gurvinder Mundi is currently working as a Research Associate at the University of Guelph with the Engineering Department. His current work entails looking at washwater treatment and management in addition to water recycling. He actively pursues professional development opportunities by volunteering for various organizations and attending workshops related to water industry.

He has a bachelors degree in Environmental Engineering and has also completed his Masters of Applied Sciences in the same field at University of Guelph. His masters work assessed ways of effectively removing solids from washwater from the processing of vegetables.

His interests include being outdoors, camping, golfing and playing with soil and water.



BRIAN A. NAULT
**Cornell University, Department of Entomology, New York State
 Agricultural Experiment Station – Geneva, NY**

Dr. Brian Nault is a professor with research, extension and teaching responsibilities in the Department of Entomology, Cornell University's New York State Agricultural Experiment Station (NYSAES) in Geneva, New York. His research focuses on applied insect ecology and vegetable entomology. More specifically, he studies the ecology of pests that attack and/or transmit viruses to vegetable crops and the ecology of beneficial insects, especially pollinators. Fundamental information about insect ecology from his research is used to develop or refine management strategies for insect pests and to explore tactics that enhance crop production. Crops that Brian currently works with include onion, potato, snap bean and pumpkin. He interacts frequently with vegetable growers to provide them with immediate solutions to their problems as well as long-term projects that will help them avoid or mitigate problems in the future. Brian was the recipient of the Excellence in IPM Award from the New York State Integrated Pest Management Program in 2011.

Brian received all three of his degrees in Entomology. His B.S. was from The Ohio State University, M.S. from the University of Georgia, and Ph.D. from North Carolina State University. After a brief stint as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Entomology at Virginia Tech, he took an Assistant Professor position at Cornell's NYSAES in 2001. He became a Full Professor in 2013.



DEANNA NEMETH
Nutrient Management Program – OMAFRA - Vineland

Deanna Nemeth is a Nutrient Management Program Lead in horticulture crops with OMAF and MRA, Vineland. Her role is to help transfer nutrient management research and technology to the horticultural sector in Ontario.



MARION PAIBOMESAI
Vegetable Crops Specialist – OMAFRA - Guelph

Marion started with OMAFRA as a vegetable crops specialist in July 2010. In this position, Marion is involved in vegetable research projects and transferring IPM and production information to growers and delivery personnel. She worked as a summer student with OMAFRA for 2 years and was involved in scouting cole and root crops across southern Ontario and developing pest identification keys for Ontario CropIPM.

Marion received her B.Sc. (2007) and M.Sc. (2010) from the University of Guelph in integrative biology.



JAMIE REAUME
Executive Director - Holland Marsh Growers' Association

Jamie Reaume is the Executive Director of the Holland Marsh Growers' Association, a small, regional group of farmers impacting upon the unique area just north of Toronto. Since July 2008, he has been working to improve conditions for farmers in the Holland Marsh and area, bridging the rural-urban gap, communicating with consumers, media, and government stakeholders, and putting Ontario's Salad (and soup) Bowl back on the map. He is considered a farmer advocate, working for the farming and agricultural community and will continue to do so at the behest of the association's Board of Directors. Showing the strength of the organization and what it means to the sector, he was recently named as the Chair of the Ontario Food Terminal Board, where many of the members of the area use to move their products, again, helping to assist the farmers access the entire value chain.



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.



DON SURGEONER

**Eastern Canada Business Mgr, Canadian Quali-Pro Mgr
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Don has over 30 years of experience in Canadian Agriculture encompassing Ag Retail Management, Territory Sales, Product Marketing, Account, Sales and Business Management. Crop experience covers row crops, horticulture, turf plus fruit and vegetables. Don has worked for Cyanamid, BASF, Engage Agro and is now working for MANA Canada. Makhteshim Agan develops products for the Global Agricultural business and ranks 6th in the world. Business is built on the strategy of providing choice to growers with products to meet their crop production needs.



FRANÇOIS TARDIF

University of Guelph - Guelph

François is an Associate Professor in the Dept. of Plant Agriculture, University of Guelph. His research programs focus on weed management and weed biology in field crops, with occasional forays into vegetable or fruit productions. One of the main emphasis is the understanding of herbicide resistance in weeds so as to develop better resistance management programs.

François received his B. Sc., M.Sc. and Ph.D. from Laval University in Quebec City where he specialized in crop production and weed science. After completion of his studies, he went on to work in Adelaide Australia to specialise in herbicides resistance.

Dr Tardif has been at the University of Guelph since 1996 where he has taught weed science to graduate, undergraduate and diploma students and supervised eleven graduate students.



MICHAEL T. TESFAENDRIAS

University of Guelph - Kettleby

Michael is a research associate and IPM coordinator at the Muck Crops Research Station. He conducts and participates in research of diseases of vegetable crops, diagnoses plant diseases, runs pest forecasting models and supervises the pest management program. Michael has worked as a plant protection extension officer in Eritrea, as a research assistant and as a laboratory technician in the Dept. of Plant Sciences of the University of the Free State, South Africa. Michael obtained his B.Sc. (Agric.) in 1999 and M.Sc. (Plant Pathology) in 2003 both from University of the Free State, South Africa. In 2006, Michael graduated with a Ph. D. in plant pathology from University of the Free State with a thesis titled "Grain mould of sorghum with specific reference to grain quality in South Africa".



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. His main focus of study was horticulture. Kevin worked at the Muck Crops Research Station as a summer student. He is currently the Research Technician for Dr. Mary Ruth McDonald's research program. He enjoys building specialized equipment and improving the technical methods used in the research and seeing the outcome of the research.

He has been involved in the Royal Winter Fair in the Horticultural education centre and as an exhibitor.



DENNIS VAN DYK
University of Guelph

Dennis is currently a M.Sc. candidate at the University of Guelph. His thesis research is on root-knot nematode and lesion nematode management for carrots, and tomatoes. He worked at the Muck Station during the summer of 2010 as a research assistant and then as a research technician until September 2012. Dennis received his B.Sc. in Biology from York University.



SEAN WESTERVELD
Ginseng and Medicinal Herbs Specialist,
OMAF and MRA, Simcoe

Sean joined the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food and Ministry of Rural Affairs in 2008 as the Ginseng and Medicinal Herbs Specialist. He received B.Sc. (Agr.), M.Sc., and Ph.D. degrees in Horticulture from the University of Guelph from 1996 to 2005. His education focused on plant pathology and plant nutrition. After completing his education, Sean worked as a post-doctoral fellow at the Muck Crops Research Station of the University of Guelph on the Holland Marsh. Sean also worked as a research associate and interim leader of the Vegetable and Non-traditional Crops Research Program at the University of Guelph – Simcoe Research Station from 2007 to June 2008. His research focussed on fertilization and integrated crop management of vegetables and herbs. His primary role in OMAF and MRA is to support the Ontario ginseng, lavender and herb industries through technology transfer and to provide input into provincial and federal policies that may affect the industry. Sean is also an adjunct professor in the Department of Plant Agriculture at the University of Guelph.



BERNARD ZANDSTRA
Michigan State University – East Lansing

Dr. Bernard Zandstra has been an Extension Specialist at Michigan State University for over 35 years. He does research and educational programs on weed control in fruit and vegetable crops. Dr. Zandstra authors the Michigan Weed Control Guide for Vegetable Crops bulletin and the weed control section of the Michigan Fruit Management Guide. He is Field Research Director of the IR-4 Center at Michigan State University, which produces data and residue samples for registration of minor use pesticides. Dr. Zandstra does weed control research on many vegetable crops, including asparagus, snapbean, cabbage, carrot, celery, sweet corn, cucumber, herbs, lettuce, mint, onion, pepper, pumpkin, squash, rhubarb, strawberry, and tomato. Carrot, celery, and onion produced on muck soil are his area of special interest.

The Muck Crops Research Station launched a Twitter account in mid-March. The account will be used to communicate brief updates of the Station's IPM program along with other information to our growers, industry reps and academic personnel. The tweets will consist of important pest alerts, reminders of up and coming events and other information that we hope will be helpful to our followers. So take some time, sign up and stay informed.



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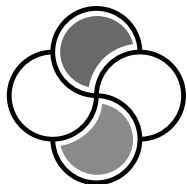
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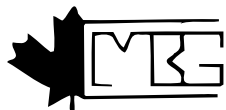


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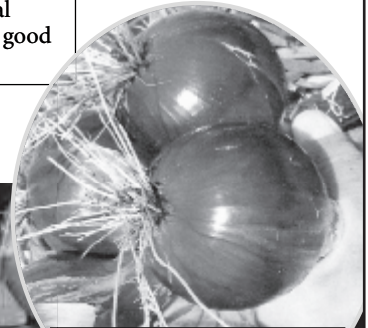
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