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Craig has been with Manitoba Agriculture since 2009 leading applied research in crop diversification at the Canada Manitoba Crop Diversification Centre in Carberry, Manitoba. Craig works with many different crops and has been involved specifically in hemp research for 8 years. Prior to working at the diversification centre, Craig was the lead for hybrid evaluation with Cargill's specialty canola business. He is a graduate of the University of Manitoba with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture, majoring in Agronomy and a Master of Science Degree in Plant Science, focusing on weed ecology. Craig grew up on a mixed farm in the Interlake region of Manitoba.

Along with collaborating on applied research projects among multiple provincial institutions and crop industry groups in Carberry, Craig is actively involved with the Manitoba Crop Variety Evaluation Team, a group that directs variety evaluation for the annual provincial seed guide publication. He has also had the privilege of participating on national boards including the Specialty Crop Value Chain Round Table and the Canadian Seed Growers Association. In his spare time, he loves spending time outdoors hiking, golfing, fishing, hunting, skiing, biking, relaxing by a lake and hanging out with his kids.

Currently Craig is a member of the CHTA research committee and the lead coordinator for the national industrial hemp variety trial program. This program is a collaboration of 16 research sites across the country collecting variety performance data from Alberta to New Brunswick. Understanding the effect environment has on variety performance is critical for managing production risk, the establishment of realistic standards for new variety development, and identifying new industry opportunities.

