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Jeff works for Hemp Genetics International (HGI) as Director of Operations for Central Canada, US and International, and he is based in Russell, Manitoba, Canada.

Prior to, and during Jeff's involvement with HGI, Jeff grew up grain farming with his father near Russell, Manitoba and has over 23 years experience in small plot research. His research focused on diversified or value added crops and cropping systems working on 60-70 projects a year planting 2500-3000 plots annually. Over the years Jeff has worked with numerous crops including quinoa, soybeans, favabeans and hemp to name a few.

Jeff was the Manitoba provincial contact regarding hemp agronomy, and was the project lead for hemp research trials in Manitoba. Jeff and the Parkland Crop Diversification Foundation have been involved in hemp research since it was legalized in 1998.

Jeff's current focus with HGI continues to be the lead in hemp research both in Canada and abroad, along with managing the pedigreed seed production program, seed sales, production contracting and actively farming with his brother-in-law in pedigreed hemp seed production.

Jeff studied Agriculture at the University of Manitoba, business at Athabasca University, is a member of the Manitoba Institute of Agrologists and a Certified Crop Adviser.

Jeff's presentation will cover results of his 19 years of experience in hemp production as a research agronomist, consultant and farmer.