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I grew up on a third generation mixed family farm, knowing at a young age by working alongside my grandfather and father that it was a tradition I wanted to carry on. I along with my wife Charlene and our four young children ranging in age from 7 to 15 have grown the farm from 1800ac to 7500 ac in our 21 yrs of farming. Our grain farm grows traditional crops such as canola, cereals and pulses but we have a strong focus on specialty crops such as hemp, grass and forage seeds, borage, and recently quinoa.

We started growing hemp in 2006 and increased the acres every year until for the last 4-5 years we have been growing in excess of 3000 ac of hemp a year. With growing larger acres of hemp we faced the challenge of getting our hemp properly cleaned in a timely manner, and with the acres growing this spurred us into the decision to build a modern seed cleaning facility to primarily focus on the cleaning speciality crops. Constructed in 2016 this facility has all of the latest technology and has many features that make dealing with the challenges of hemp a lot easier. The plant was also built with the handling of food grade products in mind. Earlier this year we received certification to clean organic crops as well.

I have sat on our local economic development board for over 5 years, four years ago I was the chair of a community group that raised 1.5 million dollars within the community in order to build 2.5 million dollar much needed hotel restaurant facility in our community. I have also sat on and was treasurer of the Saskatchewan Forage seed development association for seven years and have been on numerous committees within the area. I have always been intrigued with how diverse of a crop hemp is and I feel that we have a long way to go to see the full potential and utilization of the crop and the benefits that could bring to our economy and our society. I look forward to having the opportunity to serve the board and do my part to advance the industry.