

**ANDREW MEGENS, P.Ag., C.C.A.**

**EXPERIENCE**

**January 2000 to Present**

Owner-operator of Wildwood Crop Consultants. Working as an independent crop production advisor, specifically under contract with Agri-Solve Inc. and Erb Agricultural Consulting. Providing production advisory services on winter wheat, small grains, forages, corn, soybeans, all classes of edible beans and garlic. Initiate programs and recommendations for the usage of specific varieties of seed, fertilizer and pest control products. Provide follow-up scouting and monitoring of crop progress and crop production practices through the entire season to fulfill contractual obligations.

**1997 to December 1999**

Crop Production Specialist with Hensall District Co-operative, southern branch area. Responsible for crop input sales and programs for seed, fertilizer and pesticide usage, including sales and support for GPS programs and the development of Nutrient Management Plans.

**1975 to 1996**

Agronomist and Field Supervisor for Nabisco Ltd., Exeter, Ontario. A processor of green peas, sweet corn and carrots, also manufacturing baking powder. Jointly responsible for procurement of raw product for processing. Determined and contracted crop acreage, scheduled and supervised planting, harvesting and delivery. Managed the crop pest control program. Requisitioned and procured pesticides, directly supervised all applications of pesticides including nitrogen fertilizer. Obtained several levels of certification concerning pesticide regulations and transportation of dangerous goods. Responsible for the recording and maintenance of a tracking system for the application of all pesticides on all raw product entering all the processing plants owned and operated by Nabisco. Managed procurement of raw seed for Exeter, involving the requisitioning, receiving, storing and disbursement, as well as ensuring customs clearance and government releases for all imported seed.

Managed the agriculture research program at Exeter with the objective of finding pea and sweet corn varieties having higher yield and recovery than the present commercial varieties being grown. Initiated small plot trials and involved in the subsequent canning and final analyses. Responsibilities entailed hiring and supervision of over twenty seasonal. Prepared budgets, quotes, cost estimates and final cost analyses.

An active member of the Grocery Division's Environment Council, responsible for the environmental integrity of Nabisco's operations and reported directly to the President of Nabisco.

**1973 and 1974 - April to September (Summer Student Employment)**

Technical Research Assistant at the Horticulture Experiment Station, Simcoe, Ontario. Worked as an assistant to a scientist conducting herbicide, insecticide and fungicide trials on several horticultural crops. Helped with plot set-up, planting, spraying, harvesting, recording and final data analyses.

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**EDUCATION**

B. Sc. (Agr) Honours Degree  
Major - Horticulture Science  
University of Guelph, Guelph, Ont.

Ontario Secondary School Diploma - Honours  
St. Marys District Collegiate and Vocational Institute, St. Marys, Ont.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Certified Crop Advisor (CCA) – Accreditation 1998  
Pest Exterminators Licenses – Land Class 01, Land Class 05, Land Class 06  
Pesticide Vendor Certification  
Pesticide Operators License  
Growers Pesticide Safety Course  
Transportation of Dangerous Goods Training  
Trained Assistant Instructor Course

**ASSOCIATIONS/AFFILIATIONS**

Past member of Ontario Horticulture Crops Research and Services Committee - Sweet Corn Group  
Member of the Ontario Institute of Agrologists  
Member of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture  
Member of the Ontario Berry Growers Association