



## Agrologists Manitoba Announces New Members of the Provincial Council

One new appointee and three elected members will join the Agrologists Manitoba Provincial Council, Casey Fox, P.Ag. Council Chair confirmed today.

“I am pleased to welcome four individuals who bring knowledge and professional experience to the Council,” said Fox.

**Beth Connery** is COO of Connery Riverdale Farms Ltd, Portage la Prairie, Manitoba. She is a well-known and respected member of the agri-business community with experience in the private and public sectors. She is one of three appointees to the Council, representing the public. Appointees are jointly confirmed by a process stipulated in “The Agrologists Act of Manitoba”.

**Dennis Schindler, P.Ag.** recently founded Schindler & Associates which focuses on facilitating sustainability and profitability solutions for government, non-governmental agencies and the private sector. He has over 35 years progressive experience in soil/land management, public land policy and land use planning in the public sector and most recently served as Special Assistant to the Minister of Agriculture for Manitoba.

**Michael Van Walleghem, P.Ag.** is a Compliance and Enforcement Officer for Health Canada’s Pesticide Compliance Program (PCP). He has previous private sector experience in both corporate leadership capacities and as an entrepreneurial developer. He was a founding member of a number of industry associations including the Manitoba Environmental Industries Association.

**Yilan Zhang, P.Ag.** is currently with Monsanto Global Breeding working on next generation Roundup Ready canola. She also manages the site’s Quality Management System at the company’s research facility in Winnipeg. She has worked in the agriculture and business sector in Canada for over 10 years serving grower groups, governments and research institutes during her role as Crop Production Research Manager at the Canola Council of Canada. She has also served on the Board of Directors of a non-profit cultural arts group in Winnipeg for more than ten years.

### About Agrologists Manitoba

Agrologists Manitoba (Manitoba Institute of Agrologists) regulates the practice of agrology in Manitoba. Agrologists provide advice to help decision makers make change for the better, put safe food on the table and protect the environment in Manitoba. The privilege of self-regulation is granted through “The Agrologists Act of Manitoba”.

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