

Cara McCreary Biography

Cara McCreary is the Greenhouse Vegetable IPM Specialist with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) working out of the Harrow Research and Development Centre. Cara joined the ministry in January 2015 from a position as a Research Associate in the Edible Bean Program at the University of Guelph Ridgetown Campus. Prior to joining the University of Guelph, Cara spent 6 months as the Acting Field Crop Entomologist in the Agriculture Development Branch of OMAFRA. She also has several years of experience as a greenhouse scout and supervisor and as a horticultural advisor.

Cara has a Master of Science in Environmental Biology from the University of Guelph, a Bachelor of Commerce in Business Administration from the University of Windsor and an Associate Diploma in Horticulture from the University of Guelph. During her Masters degree, she studied the life cycle, temperature-dependent development and economic impact of an agricultural pest, the bean leaf beetle. Pest management has been her focus and passion through both work experience and education.