



(R-L) Dr. David Hooker, Ridgetown Campus, with Mark Hunt, Ridgetown Alumnus

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20th Anniversary for Crop Diagnostic Days Attracts Industry and Alumni to Ridgetown

Agriculture industry professionals were at Ridgetown Campus to participate in Southwest Crop Diagnostic Days. A number of Ridgetown alumni were in this group looking for a field application where crop specialists can hone their trouble-shooting skills and evaluate new and alternative crop management strategies. "In the last two days, I have specifically noticed the number of campus graduates who I recently taught in the classroom, and now I have the opportunity to teach them in a different capacity," says Dr. Dave Hooker, Field Crop Agronomist, University of

Guelph, Ridgetown Campus, who was one of several presenters at the event.

Alumnus Mark Hunt, pictured above (left) graduated from the Horticulture Diploma in 2009 and the Agriculture Diploma in 2010. After gaining experience in primary production, Mark is currently employed at FS Partners in Delhi as a Crop Specialist.

Southwest Crop Diagnostic Days were held at Ridgetown Campus on July 9th and 10th. Diagnostic Days are designed specifically to improve the problem solving skills of seed, fertilizer and chemical industry personnel and agricultural consultants through hands-on learning experiences. Celebrating the twenty year partnership between the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus, the event welcomed over 350 participants from across the province.

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