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Summer Students Key to Ridgetown's Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Field Research Program



(Left to Right) Summer Students and Staff: Corina Bierling (studying at Wilfred Laurier University), Laura Rintjema (studying at Western University), Jocelyn Smith (Research Associate), Todd Phibbs (Research Technician), Charles Bondy (studying at Ridgetown Campus), Carissa Zandstra (studying at Redeemer University), Kim Verbeek (studying at Fanshawe College), and Jeff Reitsma (studying at Ridgetown Campus).

Research scientists and field technicians oversee the detailed work of field crop pest management research trials, and the field work requires the efforts of a large crew. “This year, our field crop pest management group has ten summer students that will be measuring, staking, planting, counting and recording important field trial data,” states Jocelyn Smith, Research Associate, University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus, “and we couldn’t do this important work without them.”

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Each year, Ridgetown Campus employs 65-70 high school, college and university students to support many important crop research industry issues. This field crew will be supporting the research program of Dr. Art Schaafsma, Professor, Plant Agriculture at Ridgetown, and will be concentrating on three significant projects: pollinator risk reduction related to corn planting, management of insect damage and mycotoxins, and management of insect resistance development.

In the group above, Charles Bondy and Jeff Reitsma are both Ridgetown Campus students. Charles has just completed the Agriculture Diploma program and is working at the campus before he relocates to western Canada to complete an applied agribusiness degree. Jeff is completing his Environmental Management Diploma four-week externship as the final component of his Ridgetown diploma.

Summer students begin work in late April and finish in late August, just in time to head back to their academic studies.

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