

# Ben Melnyk

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## **Profile**

Third-year agriculture student with a focus on agronomy. Extensive farming experience gained from growing up and working on the family farm, with both animal and field crop operations.

## **Summary of Qualifications**

- 10+ years of experience working on a farm in dairy production and field crop production
- Strong leadership and teamwork skills with 3+ years of experience as local 4-H club volunteer facilitator
- Knowledgeable in farm safety, farm equipment maintenance, quality assurance, and animal welfare
- Skilled communicator as demonstrated through tenure as agronomy representative with the U of M Aggies as the voice of U of M agronomy students
- Strong laboratory and research skills gained through coursework and HyLife research and production position

## **Education**

### **Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (Agronomy)**

2019 – Present

University of Manitoba

Relevant courses: Cropping Systems, Organic Production, Crop Protection Entomology, Plant Disease Control, Soil Fertility and Nutrient Management, Weed Science

## **Work and Volunteer Experience**

### **Pork Quality Production & Research Student**

Summer 2021

HyLife – La Broquerie, MB

- Contributed to research and development through weighing and tagging pigs for research trials and worked with a team to collect data
- Conducted data entry of research findings using MS Office software
- Collected data by preparing and evaluating animal carcasses to assess animal quality

### **Club Facilitator**

April 2018 - Present

RM of La Broquerie 4-H Club – La Broquerie, MB

- Led club activities for group of children and youth ages 5-16 including field trips, fairs, lessons, and projects
- Facilitated educational opportunities for participants, including facilitating field trips and leading projects
- Assisted in recordkeeping, including treasurer duties to maintain club budget

- Planned and executed local events, including auctions, fairs, fundraisers, and competitions
- Maintained communication between families and 4-H club through bimonthly email newsletter and social media page updates
- Adapted 4-H activities to COVID-19 protocols by delivering resources to members and delivering virtual programming

### **Farm Hand**

2010 - Present

Melnyk Farms – Zhoda, MB

- Fed, handled, and regularly checked on animals to monitor health and ensure animal welfare
- Maintained quality control and production records to adhere to local regulations
- Independently operated farm machinery to plant, maintain and harvest crops in a timely manner

### **Cashier**

Summers 2017 - 2020

Co-op Food Store – La Broquerie, MB

- Provided a high level of customer service by efficiently scanning and bagging groceries for customers
- Maintained cleanliness of front-end area and ensured proper sanitation to adhere to health and safety protocols
- Communicated clearly with colleagues to ensure coverage of customer service desk and cashier tills

### **Memberships**

#### **Agronomy Representative**

May 2021 - Present

University of Manitoba Aggies – Winnipeg, MB

- Communicated regularly with FASO and agronomy students via email and social media to coordinate events, publicize research and job opportunities, and answer student queries

#### **Member**

2019 - Present

U of M Future Leaders 4-H Club

#### **Member**

2006 - Present

La Broquerie 4-H Club – La Broquerie, MB

### **Activities & Interests**

- Baseball
- Taekwondo