

This month's graduate student profile is of Mr. Theodore (Ted) Vanhie.

Growing up on a dairy farm in South Huron (that's north of London, ON near Exeter if you're unfamiliar), Ted, as he prefers to be known, spent most of his younger days milking the family's 20 Holstein cows. This upbringing gave him an appreciation for agriculture and the rural Ontario lifestyle and strongly influenced him to study agriculture at the University of Guelph. During his undergrad, Ted took the opportunities to expose himself to the various other facets of agriculture, developing a passion for the sciences driving the agricultural industry. As this passion developed, Ted knew he wanted to pursue graduate studies and began a Master of Science in Plant Agriculture with Dr. Francois Tardif also at the University of Guelph. As Ted completes his degree, he is working on a project examining the use of cereal rye (*Secale cereale*/L.) as a cover crop to manage Canada fleabane [*Conyza Canadensis* (L.) Cronq.] in Ontario. Once he has completed his M.Sc., Ted would like to continue his passion for agricultural sciences by finding employment conducting agricultural research and/or extension, either for a public agency or in the private sector. Outside of his research interests, he is also interested in variety of activities including badminton, cycling, and current events.

