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# Resistant Wild Oat Action Committee: Meet Nathan Eshpeter

This month we are introducing Nathan Eshpeter, the RWOAC Project Manager to the CWSS-SCM ! Read on to learn a bit about Nathan and his role with the RWOAC.



Nathan Eshpeter is very pleased to begin work with the CWSS as the Project Manager for the Resistant Wild Oat Action Committee. Nathan is a 4th generation farmer from Daysland, AB, where he lives with his wife and three children. He has also worked off the farm as a Professional Engineer in several capacities over the past 18 years, as a designer with Bourgault Industries, an associate with an oilfield consulting firm, and most recently as a program manager and specialist with Alberta Agriculture. He is excited to learn from and collaborate with the outstanding expertise in agronomy and biology that the CWSS brings to the industry, as we collectively form strategies to understand and deal with the encroaching menace of herbicide resistance. Although Nathan arguably hates all

weeds equally, the one that perhaps he hates the least and therefore could technically be his favourite by process of elimination, is the stinkweed. It is one of the first visible in the spring and can thrive under challenging conditions, and symbolizes the determination and ability to capitalize on limited opportunity that is likewise required to succeed farming on the prairies. Plus it still dies like a respectable weed when you spray it with something that is supposed to kill it, which makes it less hateful than many of its peers. Nathan's career goals are to raise thoughtful and respectful children who contribute to society, to build a healthy family farm that is both economically and ecologically viable for a very long time and that provides meaningful work for rural families in vibrant rural communities, and to attack the problem of herbicide resistance management with every fibre of his scientific being. In his down time he can be found at 4-H meetings, playing RISK with his kids, and dusting his guitar collection.

Stay tuned for more information on the RWOAC in upcoming newsletters!

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