

Dear NPARA members:

My name is Maria Angelica Ouellette. If my name is confusing, it is because: a) I was born and raised in Colombia and at 17 I came to Canada, and b) my husband is French-Canadian from New Brunswick. I completed my B.Sc. Honours in Environmental Sciences at York University. My M.Sc. at Dalhousie University consisted of site-specific application of herbicides and fertilizers in lowbush blueberry fields in Nova Scotia. Furthermore, I completed my Ph.D. at the University of Guelph at Ridgetown, Ontario, where I studied the effects of herbicide residue on cover crop roots and subsequent impact on soil aggregate stability and fertility. I was also a research technician for BASF in Winkler, Manitoba, where I acquired an understanding of western agriculture. Furthermore I developed my agronomy skills in field crops such as canola, peas, lentils, wheat, barley, and oat. I am very pleased to be here. My goal at NPARA is to help design experimental trials that answer the questions growers have and show the outcomes of our unbiased research. I am hoping to learn as much as I can, and also looking forward to start new projects that can benefit farmers across this region. You have a great community here and we already feel a part of it!

