

# AGROLIQUID EXPERTS

Meet the AgroLiquid agronomists.

Located throughout each region of the United States, our expert agronomists hold a wealth of knowledge and experience for crops of all types.

Read on to see who can best help you deliver essential crop nutrition information to your specific audience.



## **Reid Abbott**

#### Regional Agronomist, Southeast Region

Reid Abbott holds a Bachelor of Science in Agronomy from Texas A&M University. Following graduation, he worked as a crop consultant in the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles, dealing with corn, wheat, cotton, sorghum, alfalfa and sunflowers. There, he gained knowledge in all aspects of crop production, including seed variety selection, soil fertility, irrigation management, and weed, insect and disease control. In his time with AgroLiquid, Reid has been responsible for growing and managing the dealer network in his territory of south Texas and Louisiana. He also assisted his dealers in employee training, customer meetings and product recommendations. As an agronomist, he is working to train the dealer network and provide fertility solutions on a wide array of crops nationwide. He makes frequent visits to the field to gain knowledge on product performance and further enhance AgroLiquid fertility programs.





## Abe Isaak

#### **West Region Agronomist**

Abe Isaak is descended from generations of farmers spanning back to his great-grandfather and grandfather in Russia to his father and brother, who farm stone fruit and raisins in California. Abe grew up on the farm, and with ag in his blood, his heart has never left. As president of Abe Isaak & Sons, Inc., in Dinuba, California, Abe experienced firsthand what growers face every day. The family decided to sell the farm in 2009, and Abe went to work for Ultra Gro Plant Food as a nutrition consultant. He became a Certified Crop Adviser (CCA) and worked with growers, designing nutrition programs using soil, tissue and water samples. Abe focused on diagnosing and managing crop nutrition issues in a variety of crops. He has extensive experience with stone fruit, almonds, grapes and citrus as well as many row crops. He enjoys the challenge of helping growers increase the quality and yield of their crops. In his free time, Abe enjoys playing golf, woodworking and spending time with his family, including his five grandchildren.





# **John Leif**

#### Regional Agronomist, Northeast Region

A Nebraska native who grew up on a crop and livestock farm, John Leif received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Nebraska in agronomy and field crop weed control. He also completed some graduate work at the University of Minnesota in aquatic crop production (wild rice). Leif spent the first portion of his career with American Cyanamid and BASF, where he worked as a research agronomist in the crop protection production development group. In 2003, he joined the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in its Plant Materials Program. There, he conducted research and demonstration plots on how to use plants to address natural resources conservation issues. He was the research agronomist and Center Manager for the Rose Lake Plant Material Center for 11 years. The Plant Materials Center provided training and technical tools in the areas of vegetation for erosion control and snow management, tree and shrub establishment, native pollinator habitat improvement and soil health. Leif joined AgroLiquid in 2014.





### **Dan Peterson**

#### Regional Agronomist, Northern Great Plains Region

Dan Peterson came to AgroLiquid with extensive agricultural experience. After several years managing hog and grain farms, he moved into retail farm supply operations and sales, designing and building grain drying systems and selling seeds, fertilizers, herbicides and feeds. He eventually ventured out on his own as an agronomist and environmental consultant in northern Illinois, crop consulting on 20,000 acres as well as for municipal waste water treatment districts and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Following a move to Wisconsin, Peterson founded and managed what became the state's largest crop consulting firm, with five professional agronomists over 14 different crops. In addition to agronomy work, he provided farm business advisory services to his firm's clients. He has experience in plant nutrient product and market development. He has served as president of the Wisconsin Association of Professional Agricultural Consultants and has been a member of the WI Certified Crop Advisor board and the WI Cooperative Extension Advisory Council, among other organizations. He enjoys playing cornet and tenor horn with several wind ensembles and is active in his church and community.





# **Stephanie Zelinko**

#### Agronomist

Stephanie Zelinko's passion for agriculture started early. Growing up on a cash crop farm in mid-Michigan, farming has always been part of her life. She attended Michigan State University and received her bachelor's degree in Crop and Soil Sciences. Upon graduation, she began working as a researcher for AgroLiquid – a role she has expanded and enhanced over more than 20 years. To broaden her skillset, she went on to attain a Master of Science in Research Administration from Central Michigan University in 2017. Zelinko currently works as Sales Agronomist, a position through which she bridges AgroLiquid's sales, agronomy and research teams. She is dedicated to evaluating soil and cropping systems to develop sound recommendations and provide agronomic solutions for growers. Zelinko understands the importance good agronomics play in successful farming; she also applies that vast knowledge at home where she and her husband farm.





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