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**What does Leah do?**
Leah works with government registration agencies to register new crop varieties developed by Syngenta. Crops include corn, soybeans, wheat, triticale, and various vegetables.

**Rachael Cox** – B.S. in Agronomy 2009, M.S. 2012
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**What does Rachael do?**
Rachael works on the sustainable modernization of small farms in Mexico. Specifically, she coordinates a network of relevant research projects investigating conservation agriculture and other technologies aimed at sustainable increases of yield and profitability for small farmers.

**Tyler Reimers** – B.S. in Agronomy 2012
Field Sales Agronomist
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**What does Tyler do?**
Tyler uses his education in agronomy to help crop producers find the right seed, make fertilizer recommendations, and provide knowledge about growing crops. He also puts his agronomic knowledge to work on his family’s farming operation.
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Organic Farmer | Certified Crop Advisor
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What does Tyler do?
Tyler runs his own business as a Certified Crop Advisor providing assistance with manure management, soil and manure sampling, crop scouting, and organic seed. He also serves on the Practical Farmers of Iowa Board of Directors and helps on his family’s diversified, organic farm.

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What does Leah do?
Leah is pursuing a PhD in plant breeding in the Agronomy & Horticulture Department at the University of Nebraska. Her current research focuses on drought tolerance and water use efficiency in soybeans. Leah has already received a Master’s degree from North Carolina State University where she did research in soybean breeding.

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Seed Corn Research Assistant
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What does Staci do?
Staci works to find potentially beneficial traits in corn and is responsible for planting crop yield trials and the corn nursery. In addition to preparing seed to be sent to winter nurseries in Chile, Puerto Rico, and Hawaii, she also has traveled to the winter corn breeding nursery in Hawaii multiple times. Staci also serves as the safety coordinator at her research station.

John Hammerly – B.S. in Agronomy 2007
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What does John do?
John collects soil samples, describes (categorizes) them, and uses that information to help create seamless soil survey data between counties. Land owners, farmers, and home owners rely on his expertise when considering land use modifications such as houses, waterways and ponds.