

Kate Stiefelmeyer, M.A.Sc., B.Comm.

A research associate in the agri-products sector with comprehensive knowledge of policy's role in agriculture and food production and its effects on producer and operator management decisions and competitiveness.

EXPERIENCE

August 2003 - present

Research Associate, George Morris Centre, Guelph Ontario

Responsibilities include obtaining research opportunities within the productivity and competitiveness discipline, economic research and writing reports.

Highlighted Achievements

- Project manager of the George Morris Centre's Canadian Agri-Products Policy project, which involved a jurisdictional scan of the Canadian agri-products sector, a series of focus groups with industry stakeholders from across the country and a number of speaking engagements to communicate the results.
- Other recent projects include an assessment of human resources challenges in the sector, a study on the cost of Canadian food regulation, and a study to develop a strategic plan for research in Ontario horticulture.
- Invited speaker at CIBC's customer appreciation seminars, Atwood, ON. Title: International Trade and Competitiveness in Canadian Agriculture. December 2007.
- Invited speaker at a Federal – Provincial ADM meeting, Ottawa, ON. Title: Future Direction for Agriculture and Agri-Products. January, 2007.

Jan 2002 – July 2003

Research Assistant, Department of Politics, Ryerson University

- Contributed chapters on Canadian water resources and water use for a public administration textbook on Water and Politics in Canada
- Conducted preliminary research on a number of projects including: a cross-country inventory of policies, programs, and strategies that aid in watershed protection and the reduction of non-point source pollution, the history of federal water policy in Canada, water rights and First Nations communities, and the use of problem definition and public inquiries in changing political agendas

Sept 2001 – Dec 2001

Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, Ryerson University

June 2000 – Sept 2001

Research Assistant, George Morris Centre, Guelph, Ontario

- Collect, organize, manipulate, and analyze economic data
- Conduct literature reviews
- Prepare Canadian Commodity Review (market publication) to be released bi-weekly

- Research projects included work in agricultural trade issues, Plum Pox Potyvirus, Canadian Wheat Board issues, competitiveness of the agri-food industry to other Canadian industries and to the United States agri-food industry, and the economic benefits of retiring marginally productive agricultural land.

Jan 1999 – Apr 2000

Research Assistant, Department of Economics, University of Guelph

EDUCATION

2003	Master of Applied Sciences, Ryerson University, Toronto
2000	Honours Bachelor of Commerce, University of Guelph, Guelph Ontario
2000	International Field Development Course, Havana Cuba