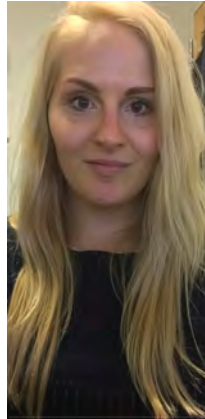


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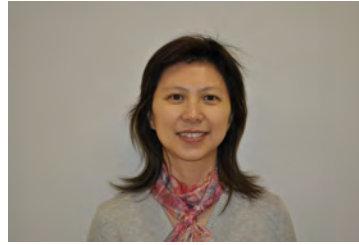
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In 1990 28-year-old Lee Ewing was working as an assistant chef at the Pine Crest Inn in Tryon. He noticed that it was a challenge to obtain fresh quality sprouts. Having been a manager of a sprout farm in California he immediately saw the opportunity to start up a local sprout farm operation. Lee began to grow Alfalfa Sprouts and Mung Beans selling them to local stores and restaurants and by 1995 his company, then called Green Creek Sprouts, had become a major supplier in our area to include some large regional grocery chains.



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Karen obtained her BSc in Microbiology at UBC Okanagan in 2012. She completed her MSc degree in Food Science in 2015, where she studied the survival of Salmonella in low water activity food products. She has since published these findings in Journal of Food Protection and Food Microbiology. Currently, Karen is a second year PhD candidate in Dr. Siyun Wang's lab at UBC, where her project is focused on characterizing virulent bacteriophages for effective control of Salmonella in food products.

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Jack and the Green Sprouts, Inc. is a family owned business, which started over thirty five years ago. We produce; alfalfa, daikon, broccoli, sunflower, bean mix sprouts, onion, clover, pea shoots and wheat grass. We are a green company besides green sprouts we also have gone green with energy savings solar panels that make electricity.



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Liz Reilly has been with Jonathan's Sprouts for the last 10 years of its 40+ year history. As niece of the owners, Liz has watched the company grow from its inception. She spent time in the summers during her high school and college years on the assembly line hand-packing sprouts. Liz went on to have a 15 year career in the fashion industry as National Sales Manager for Guess Inc. and Danskin, Inc. After a 7 year "retirement" to raise 3 baby boys through their toddler years, Liz returned to the sprout farm full time. She is passionate about sprouts and spends as much time promoting sprouts to consumers at vegetarian festivals as she does with buyers at industry trade shows.



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Barbara began Jonathan's Sprouts in 1976 with her husband, Bob. She also founded New England Sprout Growers Assn. in 1983 to win Federal State Marketing Improvement Grants three years in a row to create a marketing presence for sprouts in New England. The company was a founding member of ISGA in 1989, originally to get a Federal Marketing Order for sprouts to promote the sale of sprouts in Canada and the USA. She has served many years as Treasurer and also as President. A member of the Sanitation committee since 1992: helped write the original ISGA Sanitary Guidelines in 1992 and updated with Dr. Rob Wick in 1996. She has stayed with the committee as it has changed its name to Technical Review Board and now the Sprout Safety Task Force. Barb is committed to helping create a healthy sprout industry to feed a population in need of inexpensive quality food.



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President of ISGA & Jonathan's Sprouts, Inc., which has been supplying fresh sprouts to New England and beyond since 1976. Bob has long felt that the unique properties of sprouts, and the ways in which they are grown, require novel approaches to assuring their safety, and has questioned whether lab results from sanitization treatments accurately reflect what is achieved in the production environment. For this reason, he has been committed to improve sampling and testing protocols, and working to make sure they are being uniformly applied. He has also promoted alternative interventions, such as competitive exclusion, that have shown some promising preliminary results.



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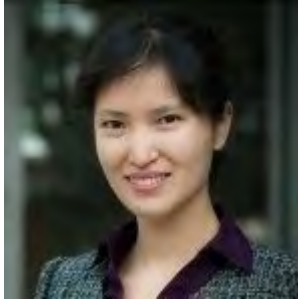
Carmen & her family have made a life choice to make a small difference in a big world. Eatmore Sprouts produces organic sprouts & greens year round for a happier, healthier planet.

Carmen's long term goal is to educate her community as well as others about sustainable food production and the joy of growing, harvesting and eating foods grown close to home.

Carmen is committed to finding simple, sustainable solutions to help support wholesome communities.

Carmen and Eatmore Sprouts have been involved in many groups and organizations over the years. Right now Carmen is the Vice President of Small Scale Food Processors Association, Vice President of the International Sprout Growers Association, and the chair of Sprouts Canada.

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We Hengshan Group has been a reliable Chinese green mung bean supplier for almost 30 years. Our aim of providing best quality sprouting beans has never been changed, this secured us as the biggest supplier in China and also made us captured the largest market share in Japan, at the same time, we export sprouting mung beans to Europe