

Biography: Elaine Sopiwnyk, Director, Grain Quality, Cigi, Technical Division of Cereals Canada

Elaine joined Cigi in 2000 and currently holds the position of Director, Grain Quality. At Cigi she guides work related to the assessment of grain quality. She also collaborates and communicates with value chain members on quality-related initiatives. Elaine has an excellent understanding of methods used to analyze wheat and flour quality which has been gained through interactions with customers in over 40 countries. She has gained considerable knowledge of the quality of western Canadian wheat and the needs of international customers which she has shared with through presentations and discussions at industry meetings and with industry associations.

Elaine holds a Master of Science degree in Foods and Nutrition from the University of Manitoba. She was awarded the Edith A. Christensen Award (2014) for outstanding contributions in analytical methodology from the American Association of Cereal Chemists International (AACCI; currently Cereals & Grains Association). She also holds one patent for food product development using food barley. Elaine is involved in technical activities with AACCI and is currently the secretary for the Quality Evaluation Team for Wheat, Rye and Triticale of the Prairie Grain Development Committee (PGDC).