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Kevan Klingberg was born and raised on a family farm near Orfordville, Wisconsin. He attended the UW- Madison, graduating with a bachelor's in Agronomy and Soil Science in 1984. He has been an ARCPACS Certified Professional Agronomist since 1990. Kevan received his master's degree in Professional Agriculture from Iowa State University in 1999.

Kevan's first professional job was near Eau Claire, Wisconsin, where he provided crop-consulting services to farmers. He learned the priority dairy farmers place on producing high quality forage and helped clients implement nutrient and pest management practices for profitable crop production.

In 1988 he became the agronomist for Chippewa County Land Conservation Department. Conservation planning was in full swing and he assisted farmers with crop and soil management decisions for production and environmental stewardship. Here he learned to evaluate landscapes for soil and water conservation and consider the impact agricultural operations have on natural resources.

In the summer of 1998 he began teaching agribusiness and farm business in Green Bay for the Wisconsin Technical College System. He learned how to develop and present formal lessons and associated learning activities. His students were a mix of young adults looking to plug into the service sector of agriculture with an associate degree in agribusiness, as well as farm managers pursuing continuing education through the farm business program.

In September, 2001, Kevan became a UW-Extension Outreach Specialist within the Discovery Farms program. Discovery Farms conducts on-farm research to determine the economic and environmental effects of best management decisions on a diverse set of commercial farms. Kevan is active in educating farmers, private sector ag professionals and agency staff about soil and water conservation, nutrient management and agricultural environmental stewardship.