

# Quaker Lane Enterprises

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*This Spring you might be seeing some new faces...*

### Quaker Lane's New Sales Manager, Doug Carlson

Doug grew up on a corn and soybean farm in Oneida, Illinois. He graduated from ROWVA High School in 1992 and attended the University of Illinois in Champaign, graduating in 1996 with a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Mechanization. He worked at a John Deere dealership for years before accepting a position in the Engineering Department for Butler Metal Buildings where he stayed for 12 years. For the past 6 years, he has been the Parts Manager for Martin Tractor in Kewanee, Illinois. During the entire time, he has stayed active in both his family's farm and his father-in-law's farming operation in Victoria, Illinois. He and his wife, Dana, have 3 kids: Vayda, Naya, and Broxen.



### Stone Seed's New Agronomist, Kevin Rothzen

Kevin grew up on a farm near Kirkwood, IL. His father and brother still farm that ground today. Kevin attended Western Illinois University, earning a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Science in 2004.

His professional career started in agriculture research as a Research Technician then advancing to Field Scientist at a small contract research organization. In 2010 Kevin started at

Pioneer Hi-Bred (now Corteva Agriscience) as a Senior Research Associate. In 2011 he took over the station management position as the Operations

Lead. His main responsibilities were people management, ensuring the station had everything it needed, and the overall agronomic direction to grow the highest quality plots as possible. Outside of work,

Kevin enjoys building wood projects, working on home projects, helping on the farm, traveling with his wife, and spending time with his family. Kevin and his wife Tera have 3 kids, all 3 are boys and they keep him very busy!!

# *A Safe Farmer is a Successful Farmer*

*Use this quick checklist to help prepare for the upcoming season*

- Discuss safety concerns with children and co-workers, explain safe handling and operating procedures
- Have a plan for grain bin safety when entry is absolutely necessary
- Store farm chemicals securely where kids and animals can't access them
- Make a list of chemicals for firefighters in the event of a fire on the property
- Prohibit riders on tractor fenders, hitches, attachments, or implements
- Conduct regular equipment inspections, as this act can prevent farm-related injuries by identifying problems and hazards early
- Outfit tractors and farm trucks with fire extinguishers and first aid kits
- Ensure all headlights, flashing warning lights and turn signals are in good working order
- Tell family members and employees when and where you will be working—keep lines of communication open
- Have Slow Moving Vehicle (SMV) emblem on your equipment
- Be prepared and expect the unexpected when traveling to your next farm



*KAS Farms 2021 Season*

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*Facebook Twitter  
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Any pictures featuring your farm or Stone Seed that you'd like to share on our social media platforms or this newsletter please email them to:  
[audre@qleseed.com](mailto:audre@qleseed.com)

## *Celebrating 20 Years*

QLE is celebrating 20 years of selling seed this year! We want to thank all of our wonderful Associate Dealers and customers who have supported us throughout the years! More to come...

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Photo Submitted by Alex Lane  
2021 Season

Most of the seed has arrived and we are ready for pick-up and deliveries!

We would like to remind all of our growers to get in contact with their QLE Associate Dealer if there are any additional in season needs for corn and/or beans!

*Be on the lookout--There will be a giveaway posted on our Facebook page during the month of April! Mention you saw this in the newsletter in the comments for an additional entry!*





# Tortellini Pasta Salad

Recipe: [thetoastykitchen.com](http://thetoastykitchen.com)

## Ingredients:

20 ounces refrigerated cheese tortellini  
1 pint cherry tomatoes halved  
1 small red onion diced  
1 bell pepper chopped  
1 cucumber sliced  
1 cup grated parmesan cheese

## Dressing:

2/3 cup olive oil  
1/4 red wine vinegar  
1 tablespoon Italian seasoning  
1 teaspoon garlic powder  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon pepper

## Instructions:

In a pot of boiling, salted water, cook tortellini according to package directions for al dente pasta. Drain and rinse with cold water until tortellini is room temperature.

Place tortellini in a large bowl.

Add prepared cherry tomatoes, red onion, bell pepper, cucumber, and parmesan cheese bowl. Set aside.

In a separate bowl, add your dressing ingredients: olive oil, vinegar, Italian seasoning, garlic powder, salt and pepper.

Whisk to combine.

Pour dressing over pasta salad and toss to coat. Refrigerate for 1 hour before serving to allow flavors to meld.

