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- Melissa Maceyovski, Operations Manager, Wheatley, ON

As a fresh college graduate 11 years ago, Melissa Maceyovski applied for an office manager position at the Bolthouse Farms plant in Wheatley, Ontario, Canada. She interviewed for the role and before she finished her drive back home, was offered the job. Melissa has moved up the ranks and now works as Operations Manager of the facility, where she is involved in all aspects of the business. Her responsibilities range from farming and production to processing, as well as overseeing maintenance, sanitation and quality. She is a critical part of the process from the time the seed enters the soil to when the carrots are shipped and distributed. The Wheatley facility maintains 370 acres and processes approximately 7 to 8 million pounds of finished goods during a single growing season, satisfying a critical need for Bolthouse Farms customers in Canada.

Over the past decade, Melissa has loved working at Bolthouse Farms and enjoys the versatility her position provides. Her favorite part of being an operations manager is that it keeps her on her toes and pushes her to keep learning.

When asked what has kept her at the company for so many years, she shared, "For me it's the team I work with. Even the hard days aren't so bad because of the people." Melissa also has great admiration for her manager, Paul Sorensen, Director of Regional Analysis and Operations for Bolthouse Farms Prosser, Wash. and Wheatley facilities. If there's ever an issue, Melissa knows she can always turn to Paul, and he'll help her develop a remedy to get the job done.

After being surrounded by Bolthouse Farms products for so long, Melissa's favorite happens to be the Berry Boost® fruit smoothie. She is also a carrot lover and admits to occasionally eating carrots "straight out of the field. Pull it out of the ground, wipe the dirt off and take a bite," she said. She also is excited to try Bolthouse's new carrot-based meal solution line, Bolthouse Farms Wunderroots™. In addition to snacking on a classic carrot, Melissa enjoys cooking carrots at home in a sweet, brown-sugar glaze. Her dream Bolthouse Farms product of the future? Carrot potato chips!

What does Bolthouse Farms purpose *Plants Powering People*™ mean to Melissa? She shared, "To me, it's that nutrition from a natural source is paramount, from something that we can grow and continue to grow without having a huge environmental impact. Sustainable nutrition is what we need as people to continue to thrive."