

## **“What does leadership in agriculture mean to you?”**

My name is Ethan Morton, and my title is Sales Agronomist – Retail S.IL & KY. I am the Territory Sales Manager for our Plant Nutrition division within my region. On top of this, I have a dual role; I handle all of the Industrial Potassium Sulfate Sales for the U.S. and INTL for Compass Minerals. I come from a 4<sup>th</sup> generation corn and soybean farm located in central eastern Illinois. I started at Compass Minerals corporate headquarters in the spring of 2018 after graduating from Illinois State University. I look forward to growing my career within Compass Minerals, and I enjoy my work every day.

I was very fortunate to begin my career under Scott Johnson and now under Ryan Keller who are both the definition of ideal mentors. With their leadership, I was able to learn and grow. Along with becoming to understand what leadership means to myself. Leadership within agriculture is undeniably essential across every facet of the industry. From the farmer to a large corporation you must be imaginative, visionary, innovative, strategic, and compassionate. As the earth is changing every second of every day to the global increase of population and the shortage of food. We must maintain leadership in order to help our civilization survive, as the agriculture industry plays a key role in doing so. What does leadership in agriculture mean to myself? As I personally have seen leadership from the farmer to a large corporation, it is not so much different to one another. We are both setting a direction and helping ourselves and others move forward through change and obstacles that are unforeseen yet not impossible to achieve.