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Denise Manker, one of AgraQuest's founding scientists in 1995, has served in a number of different roles as the company has grown. In her current position, Denise is responsible for oversight of AgraQuest's worldwide field testing program and managing numerous research collaborations.

Previously, as Vice President of Research and Development at AgraQuest, she authored several successful Phase I and Phase II SBIR grants, one of which resulted in the development of AgraQuest's lead fungicide, SERENADE®. She is listed as an inventor on 33 issued US patents and multiple foreign patents. Her groundbreaking work at AgraQuest has been recognized by several industry organizations, and she was the recipient of the American Chemical Society Western Regional Industrial Innovation Award in 2001 and the EPA Presidential Green Chemistry Award in 2003.

Prior to joining AgraQuest, Denise worked at Novo Nordisk Entotech from 1990-1995, where she discovered novel, pesticidal natural products from microbial sources. She carried out postdoctoral research at UC Davis where she worked on development of an ELISA method for detection of the herbicide glyphosate.

Denise received her Ph.D. in 1988 from Scripps Institution of Oceanography where her research involved identification of novel natural products from marine invertebrates and investigations into their bioactivity and biosynthetic origin. She received a B.S. degree in Biology from the University of South Florida in 1984.