

## VITA

Cory Miller Whaley was born the first of two children to Kenneth and Patricia Whaley on August 28, 1974 in Seaford, DE. He grew up on a farm in Delaware that raised field and vegetable crops, chickens, and hogs and graduated from Seaford High School in 1992. In 1996, Cory received a Bachelor of Science degree in horticulture from Clemson University. While pursuing this degree, Cory worked summers on the family farm growing fresh market vegetables and chickens. In 2000, he received a Master of Science degree in Plant and Soil Sciences from University of Delaware with an emphasis towards weed science. Cory then went on to pursue a Ph. D. degree in Weed Science under the direction of Dr. Henry Wilson at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and completed the requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in March 2005.