

I grew up in Hillspring Alberta on a mixed farming operation, this is where I learned the value of hard work. After graduating High School in Cardston Ab I worked in the oilfield until I served a 2 year voluntary mission in Pennsylvania for the LDS Church. After my mission I went to BYU-Idaho, this is where I met my wife Rosie. While attending University I earned my B.S. in Plant and Soil Science with minors in accounting and biology. While attending I did two internships in Michigan for a large potato farm, while there my main duties were irrigation management and crop management, this is where I learned the most about intensive farming. I also had the opportunity to work on a few potato farms in Idaho. After graduating from University we bought my Grandfathers farm and moved back to Hillspring, I have worked as an agronomist for the past 6 years while farming at the same time. And during this time my wife and I have been blessed with 2 boys ages 3 and 5. We currently run a mixed farming operation of cattle, and oilseeds, small grains, and peas. During the past 6 years we have installed 3 irrigation pivots, I knew one of the great opportunities of farming in this area is that we have great access to clean water, and I knew if I could irrigate that would be one aspect of mother nature I could control, irrigation has paid off every year (even on the wet ones). Crops can be very sensitive to drought in crucial times of growth, irrigation has helped alleviate this problem.

I am a firm believer that we should be good stewards of the land and use our natural resources wisely, and with the boom in agriculture and technology we are able to do that. We are irrigating higher yields with less water now then we have in the past, this is mainly due to center pivot irrigation systems. It thrills me when I see new irrigation pivots going up throughout the district. One of my favorite things to do during the growing season is to sit and watch irrigation being put onto the fields, it makes me grateful for the early pioneers having the vision and foresight to see that water is the lifeblood of agriculture, and without growth is limited.