

Joel Conrad, PAg- Outstanding Young Agrologist

Joel's interest in agrology began at a young age on his family's farm. It was this interest in Agriculture that lead him to the University of Alberta where he completed a degree in Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture.

After graduating from University, Joel found a job working in oil and gas reclamation that soon became a career. This allowed him to apply the principles he learned while at University along with practical knowledge he gained through his farming and range management experience. Much of his career has been spent in the field where his experience extended from range inventories, to site assessments and reclamation. In the last several years he has transitioned to a project management role. Joel's career in reclamation has allowed him to remain actively involved in the family grain farm in central Alberta.

"I enjoy being in an industry where we don't know all the answers and we are able to experiment, try new things and develop new techniques."-Joel Conrad, P.Ag.

Acclamations:

"Joel shows how a professional can work for a client (i.e. oil company), but at the same time work for the betterment of the land. He has consistently worked on applying sound science to find innovative and effective methods for reclamation of sensitive ecosystems. He shows an excellent ability to observe "traditional" methods that have often blindly been accepted by an industry and adjust these methods based on good scientific principles." "Joel is one of those people that can work with anybody. He can relate on the level of the landowner's concern as he understands those concerns intimately."- Steven Tannas, P.Ag.

"The words coming out of his mouth are reputable and you can depend on them. That really serves the public interest."- Nolan Ball, R.T. (Ag.)