

Nolan Ball, RTAg – Outstanding Young Registered Technologist in Agrology

Nolan's interest and passion for agriculture grew while growing up on family farms in the Oyen and Acadia Valley areas of Alberta. Wanting to pursue a career that was closely tied to the land, he attended Lakeland College in Vermilion to complete a diploma in Environmental Conservation & Reclamation. After graduating in 2006, he gained an opportunity to start working in environmental consulting. Here he acquired valuable experience in working on reclamation and restoration of oil & gas sites both in cultivated and grasslands. In 2013 he chose to shift career paths and took a job with the Special Areas in Hanna Alberta as a Rangeland Agrologist. Most of Nolan's time is spent working in a regulatory role, overseeing the industrial development and reclamation within Public lands administered by the Special Areas Board. Other time is spent inspecting Crown grazing leases and getting to work on sustainable grazing practices with lease holders. The diverse job duties allow him to consistently be evaluating how the energy and agriculture sectors co-exist on the same land bases. Outside of work commitments, Nolan is actively involved with the Prairie Conservation Forum and focusses on growing a livestock business that him and his wife operate together.