

Brad Calder, PAg – Outstanding Young Agrologist Award

Brad Calder PAg is an Agricultural Extension Specialist at the County of Warner and current chair of Lethbridge Branch of the AIA. He grew up on an irrigated mixed crop farm near Bow Island, where he still helps out his family with seeding and harvesting. He lives in Lethbridge with his wife Jenelle and daughter Brielle and enjoys helping his extended family with ranching.

Brad enjoys volunteering with the Lethbridge branch and providing support to the promotion of Agrology in the Lethbridge area. He has volunteered on the branch executive for the past six years as a Treasurer, Secretary, and Chair. The branch has been successful in hosting monthly events, tours, and outreach presentations at Lethbridge College and the University of Lethbridge. Brad is a Professional Agrologist, Certified Crop Advisor and has obtained two diplomas from Lethbridge College and a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science from the University of Lethbridge. Brad supports continued education and enjoys taking night courses at the U of L.

He has been fortunate to work at Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, Irrigation and Farm Water Branch where he implemented the Canadian Agricultural Partnership Irrigation Efficiency Program with the Irrigation Management Section. During his time with the Section, he provided support to producers applying to the program with irrigation equipment upgrades and processed grant applications. He has also worked with the Water Quality Section with monitoring for the presence of invasive mussels within the irrigation district reservoirs, and completed research into a control method for invasive mussels within the irrigation districts of Alberta. Before working at Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, he worked in the environmental sector with Tetra Tech EBA in the Calgary and Lethbridge offices where he worked on phase I & II environmental assessments, groundwater monitoring, soil investigations and oil, and gas remediation and reclamation throughout Alberta and Northern British Columbia.

Brad enjoys spending time with his family, helping out with his family farm and ranch, hiking, fishing and camping throughout Southern Alberta and British Columbia. He has recently started working with the County of Warner where he is excited to apply his skill set to provide support to agricultural development and to assist area producers.