

Introduction

My name is Jake Hadfield, and I am the new Agriculture Economics Extension Faculty here in Juab and Utah Counties. I am excited for the opportunity to work in Juab County with local agricultural producers. I have been involved with agriculture from a young age. I was born and raised in Lehi, Utah on a small beef operation. I loved being involved in agriculture and spent many early hours, and almost every weekend, helping my dad work cows, cut hay, or other chores. Growing up, I had the opportunity to show livestock, mainly market steers, in both 4-H and FFA. The agriculture experiences that I had while in my youth helped develop a passion for all things agriculture.

After gaining this passion for agriculture I decided to make a career from it. I attended Snow College, and then went to Utah State University where I got a B.S. in animal science and a M.S. degree in animal nutrition. My research for this degree involved raising replacement dairy heifers on pastures at the USU intermountain irrigated pasture project in Lewiston. This project had many different components of agriculture including grazing management and animal husbandry. My specialty throughout this project was the animal component where I had the opportunity to work with jersey heifers. Quite a change from the beef animals I had become acquainted with. I enjoyed this project immensely, and further fueled my desire to pursue a career where I could continue with agricultural research.

After graduating in May 2019, I took a position as the Cache County Agriculture Extension Agent. Over the last three years I enjoyed this job immensely and learned a lot during my time there, specifically about Ag economics. However, when a job opening came up in Juab County I decided to apply and got the job. The rest is history.

I am extremely excited to be here in Juab County and to be able to work with the great agriculture producers here. I hope that many of you will reach out to me with any questions or issues that you may have and utilize me as a resource. I am glad to help and serve in any way I can.