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**Personal:**

Born and raised on a commercial cow/calf operation in southwestern Oregon.  
Family (wife, Sara; son, Clayton; daughter, Jessie) currently resides in Visalia, CA

**Education:**

Bachelor's degree in Animal Science from Cal Poly – SLO in 1986.  
Master's degree in Animal Science at Oklahoma State University in 1990.

**Professional Career:**

*Harris Ranch (Mar '04- present) – Partnership for Quality & Marketing Programs Mgr.*  
Responsibilities include: coordinating the Harris Ranch Partnership for Quality (PQ) program, liaison between producers, Harris Feeding Company and Harris Ranch Beef Company (HRBC). Manager of program activities for the HRBC Marketing Department.

*AgProfessionals, LLC ('02 – '03) – Technical Services Director*

Provided on-site consultation for environmental management of confined animal feeding facilities (feedlots, dairies, swine) in Colorado. Responsibilities included soil and water sampling, analysis of lab results, and on-site monitoring of facilities to ensure compliance with federal, state and county environmental laws.

*Colorado Ag & Rural Experiences, LLC ('97- '02) – Owner/Managing Partner*

Coordinated the operation of a large agricultural entertainment facility in Longmont, CO. Activities at the farm included on-site catering, pumpkins, corn mazes, and educational events (5,000 pre-K to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students). The last year of operation saw in excess of 50,000 people visit the farm in an eight week period of time.

*National Cattlemen's Beef Association ('95 – '01) – Assistant Dir. Quality Assurance*

Provided oversight of numerous check-off funded research initiatives and development of educational materials used in the Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) program.

*Colorado State University ('04 – '05) – Research and Teaching Assistant*

Conducted post-graduate research (National Non-Fed Beef Quality Audit, National Fed Beef Quality Audit, Injection-site Audits) and assisted with classroom instruction.

*Colorado Cattle Feeder's Association ('91 – '94) – Technical Services Director*

Coordinated the BQA and Environmental Quality Assurance programs in Colorado.

*National Cattlemen's Association ('90 – '91) – Technical Services Director*

Coordinated the Integrated Resource Management activities of NCA, and provided technical expertise to the Environmental Issues Management team