

BIOGRAPHY

Nicole Rothfleisch was born and raised in Brawley, CA and is the 4th generation of an Imperial Valley farming family. She graduated from Brawley Union High School where she was very involved in Future Farmers of America and won state awards for her field crop. During this time Nicole obtained her Private Pilot's License for her senior project as well as earned the title of Brawley Cattle Call Rodeo Queen. After attending Grossmont College in San Diego, she transferred to Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Business. During this time Nicole studied abroad for a semester in Brisbane, Australia where she also studied agriculture. Following graduation in 2000, she worked as an elementary school teacher before accepting the position of TMDL Program Director at the Farm Bureau. She is a past Chair of the Farm Bureau's Young Farmers & Ranchers and is also a graduate of the 2002 Leadership Farm Bureau class. As the TMDL Program Director, Nicole spends her time educating local farmers on how to stay in compliance with water quality regulations and also works with the Regional Water Quality Control Board to ensure that these regulations are kept as reasonable as possible. When Nicole is not at work for the Farm Bureau, she can be found singing at her church, riding horses with her family or fixing up her home with her husband. She is married to Ryan Rothfleisch, a fertilizer salesman originally from Holtville, and they currently reside in Brawley.