Plant and Wildlife Sciences is proud to welcome its newest faculty member — Dr. Neil C. Hansen!

Neil is originally from Orem and earned B.S. and M.S. degrees from BYU in Agronomy and Horticulture. Neil received his PhD from the Department of Soil, Water, and Climate at the University of Minnesota and was a faculty member in the same department for 8 years. He led an applied research program addressing agricultural water quality issues and developing practices that protect lakes and streams from nutrient pollution.

Neil, his wife Jennifer, and their five children moved to Colorado in 2004 where Neil worked as a faculty member at Colorado State University. In Colorado, his interest in applied water research shifted toward water quantity and conservation. He studied the
ecology of dryland agro-ecosystems and led an interdisciplinary project to develop a system where farmers could lease saved water to municipalities.

Neil is excited to join the faculty at BYU, where he will teach water related courses in support of the Environmental Science program. He plans to continue work on agricultural water use and will also participate in some hydrology research in natural ecosystems.