

# Kade Grafel

## Research Analyst

As a research analyst at Decision Innovation Solutions, Kade is responsible for conducting economic impact and contribution analysis, writing reports, and data management and analysis. These are all utilized to assist clients in making informed and strategic business decisions.

Kade was raised on a family farm in the small town of Oberlin, Kansas. His family grew wheat, corn, and raised cattle. During his growing-up years he worked on the family farm and participated in 4-H. From these and other experiences he has developed a great passion for the ag industry.

Kade received a B.S. degree in economics with a minor in mathematics from Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas.

In the pursuit of his undergraduate degree, Kade took many opportunities to further his professional development.

As an undergraduate research assistant, Kade participated in an empirical research project studying education and labor market outcomes. He also improved process efficiency with the automation of a weekly task through script writing – a skill he continued to develop within coursework using STATA and R.

Kade completed a study abroad at the Universidad Carlos III de Madrid in Madrid, Spain. This provided an enriching environment for him to further develop his Spanish language skills.

Kade also completed an economics internship at the Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA). He was predominantly responsible for gathering and cleaning data, along with creating an agricultural economic contribution report for each county in the state of Kansas. He was also involved in various projects including: Updating a compilation of agricultural statistics available on the KDA's website, research into rural broadband availability, and assisting with the Kansas hay report.

### Contact



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### Education

**Kansas State University**  
B.S Economics  
Minor: Mathematics

### Areas of Expertise

- Data Management & Analysis
- Economic Contribution & Impact Studies