

Paul Fairbanks
Process Manager
Basic American Foods

Paul Fairbanks is a graduate of BYU-Idaho. He earned his Bachelor's degree from BYU-Idaho in 2004. Upon graduating Paul moved to California to pursue a career in Supply Chain Management at Pacific Coast Producers, a food processor of peaches, pears, and fruit cocktail. Paul worked as a Production Superintendent in the plastic fruit bowl division and later as the plant production superintendent where he worked to improve real time quality management and training systems in a diverse multi-cultural and multi-lingual working environment. While working at Pacific Coast Producers, Paul enrolled in UC Davis' Better Process Control School for food manufacturing and processing specialist. He completed the courses in 2005 and finished #2 in his class.

Paul left Pacific Coast Producers in 2006 to move closer to family and pursue an opportunity as the Piece Value Stream Manager for Basic American Foods' Rexburg facility. BAF supplies dehydrated potato and bean products for several customers throughout the US and the world. Some of those customers include Denny's, KFC, General Mills, Taco Bell, Sharis, Perkins, El Pollo Loco, and the LDS church. Since joining BAF, Paul has worked extensively on creating a lean culture within the plant through the implementation of 5s, Kaizen, Tact Time, Visual Controls, Standard Work, Gembas, Kanbans, Hiejunka and Poka Yoke.

Paul was born and raised in Northern California. After returning from a 2 year LDS mission to Venezuela, he met and married Sarah Packard. They now have two little girls, Kate (3) and Elizabeth (1) and reside in the Rexburg area where they enjoy being close to family and the outdoors. Paul currently serves as the Assistant Scout Master and Deacons Quorum advisor in his ward.