

GROWING INTERNSHIP

NEWSLETTER

YEAR 3 OF GROWING

GrowinG is in the final year of our three year USDA grant; the team recently submitted an application for another round of grant funding to keep this program going and growing in new ways. Stay tuned!

WHAT'S TO COME

As we enter our busy season, our team will share weekly summaries written by the interns reviewing their time on their matched operation. We'll have another newsletter in a couple months to showcase them as well!

GROWING INTEREST

We continue to feel the support and importance of offering the program in Wyoming; this year is no exception. The program has experienced a 70% increase in applicants from our first year. This is promising as we look to continue to offer exceptional, educational internship opportunities.



READY, SET, INTERNSHIP

Our 2024 intern cohort is set to kickoff the season May 20, 2024! Interns will participate in a 10-week internship on operations throughout the state of Wyoming. Meet our interns over the next couple of weeks as we introduce them on our social media platforms. Also, we invite you to follow along with our interns as they share weekly about their experiences on their host operation. Our team posts these on the GrowinG website ([Growing-WY.org/Intern Tales](https://growing-wy.org/Intern_Tales)).

As a part of their internship requirements, interns will participate in at least one educational event during their time with GrowinG. Examples from previous interns include: Experiment Station Field Days, Stock Grower's Convention, Sheep and Wool Festival, and so many others. Our team develops a list covering as many events as possible for interns to choose from; *if you know of additional events we could suggest to interns, please email information to coordinator@growing-wy.org.*

RECAP

We have experienced continued growth in both host and intern applicants over the last three years. Along with an increase in the number of internships that have come to fruition. Each year, we have also received increasing interest from both prospective hosts and interns. Though not all complete full applications, our numbers continue to trend upward. We are also thrilled with the number of return host applications, year after year. Here are some numbers in review, based on completed applications:

- **Host Applications**
 - 2022 - 18
 - 2023 - 25
 - 2024 - 20
- **Intern Applications**
 - 2022 - 13
 - 2023 - 40
 - 2024 - 52
- **Hosted Internships**
 - 2022 - 7
 - 2023 - 9