

GROWING INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

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INTERNSHIP SEASON IS UNDERWAY

Our internship season has officially begun! We have nine active internships, with a few more starting later in the summer. Host operations span the state of Wyoming this year. Our team is eager to see all that our interns will learn and experience during their ten weeks with the program!


Interns have already reported working on fencing, learning about WY weeds, moving cattle, and more. Our team enjoys hearing about their learning and excitement for the projects to come!





SOCIAL MEDIA

Interns will be immersed in the farming/ranching lifestyles of their host's, attending an educational event, as well as documenting their experiences weekly. Follow along as we post their blogs weekly to see the take-aways from each intern.

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This summer marks the second internship year with the GrowinG Internship Program. Part of a USDA Beginning Farmer Rancher Development Program (BFRDP) grant, the program offers opportunities to beginning farmers and ranchers, individuals 18 years of age and older who have less than ten years of agricultural ownership experience. Those who are awarded an internship spend ten weeks at a farm or ranch in Wyoming, learning from those who make a living in agriculture.

EDUCATIONAL FOCUS

The educational aspect of the internship is our main focus. In order to grow agricultural with beginning farmers and ranchers, hosts must be willing to offer an educational experience. Hosts showcase the ins and outs of their operations while working alongside the interns; whether that be in the fields or mountains, with livestock or crops, or even at the bank. It is important for the hosts to explain the "why" behind their approaches to farming and ranching in order to offer perspective to the interns. Interns are encouraged to ask questions throughout their internship as this is an opportunity for them to navigate their future desires in agriculture.

Along with their daily work, each intern is required to attend an education event during their internship time. We call on them to reflect on what they have learned, wish to learn, and how they plan to apply their knowledge in their future endeavors.

THANK YOU

Our team would like to extend a thank you to those who have assisted us and made this internship year possible. To our sponsors, hosts, state selection committee, and the University of Wyoming, thank you for your support and participation!

