

SUMMER 2024



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Well into the summer months, our interns are fully divulged in their internships; a handful of them will wrap up their experience at the end of July.

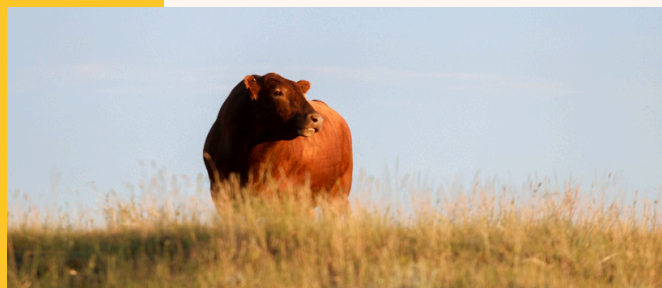
Each week they write a summary reflecting on their work and the events that week held. We wanted to share a few of those with all of you!



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Interns have been introduced to various livestock handling approaches from horseback to four-wheelers, from roping to sling-wearing. As seen to the left, one intern learned carrying sheep or loading them onto the four-wheeler was the only way to keep the day of docking moving as a few sheep would like to stop to rest on their way in.

Though not always the most fun, many interns spend time haying during their internship. Learning how to run the tractor and swather, learning to manage haying with weather, and how to plan out the hay use until the next cutting season. Especially in WY, it can be crucial from a rancher to monitor their hay through the seasons as winter can be lengthy.



SUMMER COLLECTION

Emphasis on Education

Interns receive a hands-on, education experience during their GrowinG internship. Many of them participate on ranching operations, while some have experience more farming type operations. No matter if it is one or the other, or both, GrowinG hosts are to emphasize the educational aspect, while interns are highly encouraged to engage, ask questions, reflect on their learning.

One of the 2024 interns highlighted the business side of the operation in which they are working, noting the importance of confidence with one's knowledge and self advocacy, while also knowing when to involve your community. In working with their host, this intern witnessed how to promote a business, even in casual conversation. They also noted that in talking with their host, they learned the importance of recognizing when something is outside of your skillset and finding an expert in that area to help continue to grow your business.



Whether it be for cattle or sheep, flowers or hay, the GrowinG interns are receiving a unique internship opportunity in the state of WY. By no means is their 10 weeks easy, but the hands-on experience they are part of furthers their path to their career and life goals.

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Every intern reflects on each week of their internship and shares it with you all via the GrowinG website. If you have not already, we encourage you to read the summaries from our 2024 interns on our website, www.growing-wy.org, under the [InternTales](#) tab.