



SPOTLIGHT

Growing Beginning Farmers & Ranchers in Wyoming



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Chloe Henderson

Chloe Henderson began her GrowinG Internship Program eager to explore ranching. “I wanted to get involved in ranching,” she said. Over the summer, she gained valuable experience in pasture management, water conservation, and animal care, reinforcing her passion for sustainable agriculture.

Rotational grazing stood out as a crucial lesson. Working in high and low country pastures, Chloe learned how this practice sustains land and optimizes forage use. “The grass was abundant up there and perfect for grazing,” she explained. “Having access to both high and low country is essential for managing Wyoming’s harsh winters.”

Water conservation also played a key role in her learning. Chloe contributed to projects involving pivot irrigation and watershed construction, appreciating the importance of efficient water use. “I want to brainstorm ways to conserve water instead of constantly drilling for wells,” she shared.

Animal care became another cornerstone. From vaccinating calves to doctoring sick animals, Chloe developed skills to enhance herd health. “Investing in good vaccines and monitoring herd health is critical to reducing calf mortality,” she noted.

Chloe also valued the sense of community in ranching. Her work with a grazing association underscored the value of collaboration. “This lifestyle can be lonely, but associations like the Otter Creek Grazing Association provide a much-needed sense of connection and support,” she observed.

“This internship gave me insight into sustainable practices and how to incorporate them into my future ranching plans,” Chloe reflected. With a renewed commitment to sustainability and collaboration, she is ready to make a lasting impact in agriculture.



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