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Growing Beginning Farmers & Ranchers in Wyoming



## 2024 Dani Wadsworth

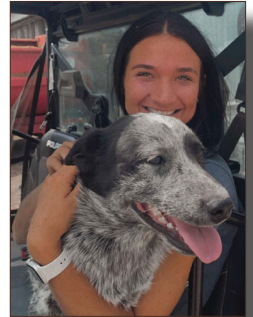
**D**ani Wadsworth joined the GrowinG Internship Program eager to gain hands-on ranching experience and expand her agricultural knowledge. “I wanted something that would help me learn without expecting me to know everything right away,” she shared. Raised on a farm but often pulled away by school, Dani was excited to fully immerse herself in the rhythms of ranch life.

One of her most memorable lessons was tackling the challenge of managing poisonous plants like larkspur. “Larkspur can kill up to 15% of cattle if ingested, and there’s not much you can do once it happens,” she explained. She spent days manually removing the plants due to restrictions on spraying. “It’s tedious, but it taught me how critical prevention is in ranching,” Dani said.

Branding and vaccinating calves became another highlight. She assisted with tagging, branding, and administering vaccines while learning techniques like heeling calves during roping. “Low-stress handling improves their health and growth,” Dani noted. These hands-on experiences showed her how proper animal care directly supports ranch productivity.

Dani also focused on sustainable grazing practices, learning how rotational grazing and mineral placement optimize pasture health. “Even small adjustments can make grazing more efficient and help pastures thrive,” she reflected.

As her internship concluded, Dani expressed gratitude for the program. “This experience taught me how to face challenges head-on and apply what I’ve learned to improve my family’s farm,” she shared. Armed with practical skills and a deeper understanding of ranching, Dani looks forward to her future in agriculture.



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