



SPOTLIGHT

Growing Beginning Farmers & Ranchers in Wyoming



2025 Sydney Farley

Sydney Farley joined GrowinG after spotting it in her college newsletter: “it looked like a really good opportunity to get experience working with large animals.” The ranch quickly became her classroom. Lesson one was community. “From branding to haying... you’re going to need help. Having a good community of friends, family (and interns), helps make very large, difficult jobs, a lot easier.”

Lesson two was pace: “there’s always some small project or task that can be done to help in some kind of way.” Lesson three moved her toward a specialty. “Learning how to handle and understand the behavior of livestock will help me greatly in my future career as a large animal veterinarian... Working with sheep... sparked my interest... and I plan to... become more involved in the sheep industry.”

GrowinG’s education requirement also delivered connections. “The educational event helped me network with industry professionals... my host was really helpful in fostering connections.” And the introductions kept coming: “I was introduced to many people... who were wanting and willing to help with my future in agriculture.”

Her verdict—supportive of hosts and sponsors—is straightforward: “This internship has been a great way to get experience... without the pressure of needing to know everything.”

The summer left her with skills, perspective, and a network—momentum she plans to carry into veterinary school and a career with large animals. “The GrowinG internship provided great experience... This experience will help me as I pursue veterinary school to become a large animal vet.”

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