



# SPOTLIGHT

Growing Beginning Farmers & Ranchers in Wyoming



## 2025 Chelsea Finch

**C**helsea Finch entered the GrowinG Internship with a practical aim: “I needed an internship for my degree and this one fit both what I needed and what my future career aspirations are.”

The ranch became her classroom, and the first lesson was scale: “Some of my biggest takeaways were how much goes into the day to day operations no matter how big or small the task is.”

A second lesson came from the landscape itself. “I was most surprised by how they irrigated their crops. They don’t use any sort of irrigation they just rely on rain,” she said, learning how local practice shapes risk and timing.

Third, she built technical capacity that translates directly to value on any outfit: “Yes it had. It helped me learn how to operate machinery and handle livestock.” Fourth, she strengthened the business side—“I plan to use the experience I got with book keeping in my future”—linking chores to management.

The program’s structure and mentoring also did their job: she left with contacts—“Yes I do”—and a stronger sense of direction.

Asked if she would recommend GrowinG, her answer doubled as a summary of impact: “Yes I would. I loved getting to work on the ranch. It taught me a lot about how the day to day of a ranch works and how the different parts of it operate.”

In short, Finch finished with skills, perspective, and momentum—ready to carry what she learned into a future in agriculture, and grateful to the program that helped her find her pace on working ground.



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