



2025 Mae Orchard Blooms

Mae Orchard Blooms began the season intent on teaching the full arc of a cut-flower operation—from first shoots to final sales. From day one, the focus was breadth and professionalism: “Learning about a perennial cut flower farm, from emerging plants in the Spring until the end of cutting season” and understanding that “being a cut flower farmer is not just about being a farmer but also learning how to find your market and how to sell the flowers that you grow.” She says the intern fit the farm well: “Courtney was fun to have around the farm. She could perform task-specific jobs well.”



The first lesson to emphasize is production rhythm: the season’s pace teaches stamina and timing. The second is market literacy—“Taking good inventory of what is cut, managing customers, processing flowers and preparing them for market,” because reliable records and service make flowers sell. Third comes business fluency—“marketing your product and business and finances,” the work that turns stems into sustainability. Fourth is learning beyond the gate: the intern “did an education event... with someone from Dandelion Floral,” extending knowledge and network.

Her verdict on the program is unequivocal: “I really love the GrowinG Internship Program... What they learn cannot be learned in a book or in a classroom. It’s a great way for students to become confident in their skills and understand what this kind of life is like.” Asked about the future, she’s all in—“I would absolutely consider it”—and hopes more Wyoming students step into real farm settings that grow competence, confidence, and community.

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