



SPOTLIGHT

Growing Beginning Farmers & Ranchers in Wyoming



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Rail Road Land & Cattle

For first-year host Rail Road Land & Cattle, the season began with cautious optimism and a new name on the bunk list. That changed quickly. “We hosted Colby and we couldn’t have been more blessed! Thank you!!!” By week’s end, the host was planning real work, not just chores, and setting a pace that mirrors Wyoming agriculture at full swing. “Running equipment such as: tractor, swather, disc, different rakes, riding mowers, skid steer, backhoe, dump truck, truck and trailer, seeder, and more.” The classroom widened to the whole outfit: “Stages and steps of haying, weed control, pest control, animal vaccines, pasture gatherings, brandings, pipeline, and more.”



Learning point 1 — Readiness matters. Rail Road L&C describes Colby as “a VERY stand up steward of the land and animals,” noting he “far exceeded any of our expectations.” That kind of hand lifts safety, speed, and morale.

Learning point 2 — Breadth builds judgment. Exposure across haying, animal health, and infrastructure delivered a systems view, not just tasks.

Learning point 3 — Support scaffolding works. “Thank you [GrowinG] for being so great and willing to answer any questions we had!” Sponsor responsiveness kept the season moving.

Rail Road L&C’s verdict is unambiguous: “This was our first year. We were VERY pleased this year!” Asked about hosting again, they add, “I believe so.” Their hope is straightforward: internships like this keep Wyoming’s operations stocked with capable, values-driven people—hands who can run iron in June, doctor a calf in July, and represent the land well year-round.

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