



SPOTLIGHT

Growing Beginning Farmers & Ranchers in Wyoming



2025 RS Land & Livestock

RS Land & Livestock opened the season hoping for a willing learner and a good fit. That arrived with Cody. “We greatly appreciated Cody, he was helpful, polite, and eager to learn,” the host wrote, setting a tone that made real work—and real mentoring—possible.

The first lesson from the host’s vantage point was about character and readiness: attitude isn’t extra; it’s the multiplier that turns instruction into contribution. The second was breadth of exposure, the kind that builds judgment rather than just muscle memory: “We exposed our intern to irrigation practices, embryo transfer, cattle health, pasture management, and hospitality services.” That lineup shows a systems view of a working outfit, from water to genetics to customer care.



A third lesson came from off-ranch education. The team attended the “Utah cattleman’s conference,” signaling the value of professional networks and updated practices alongside daily chores. A fourth insight: program scaffolding works. Asked what the site host responsibilities should change, RS L&L answered, “None, it all worked out well,” and on how to improve the intern’s experience: “Nothing from your end.”

The overall assessment leaves little doubt: “It’s a great program, I wish all universities can do that.” When asked about hosting again, the reply was simple—“Absolutely.”

In the end, the season gave RS Land & Livestock another capable hand for Wyoming agriculture and affirmed a model that couples practical days with professional pathways—good for hosts, good for interns, and good for the state’s agricultural future.

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