

Keeping It Clean: My Role in Swine Biosecurity

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Top 3 Internship Responsibilities

Traveled to a different barn each week to conduct glo-germ analysis of entry/exit points to analyze biosecurity practices.

Complete SWOT analysis for each facility to assess strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats of biosecurity.

Assess areas for biosecurity improvement and develop materials to explain the importance of biosecurity to others.



New Experiences

- Attended World Pork Expo
- Learned about batch farrow systems and nucleus herds

Developed Skills

- Communication in a diverse, multicultural workplace
- Giving presentations with demonstrations
- Researching biosecurity protocols/articles to learn about different methods

Advice

Embrace being uncomfortable and try new things in order to grow professionally and personally.

My Testimonial

This experience has taught me so much about not only biosecurity, but the swine industry in general. I have been able to apply these biosecurity concepts to other aspects of agriculture.

