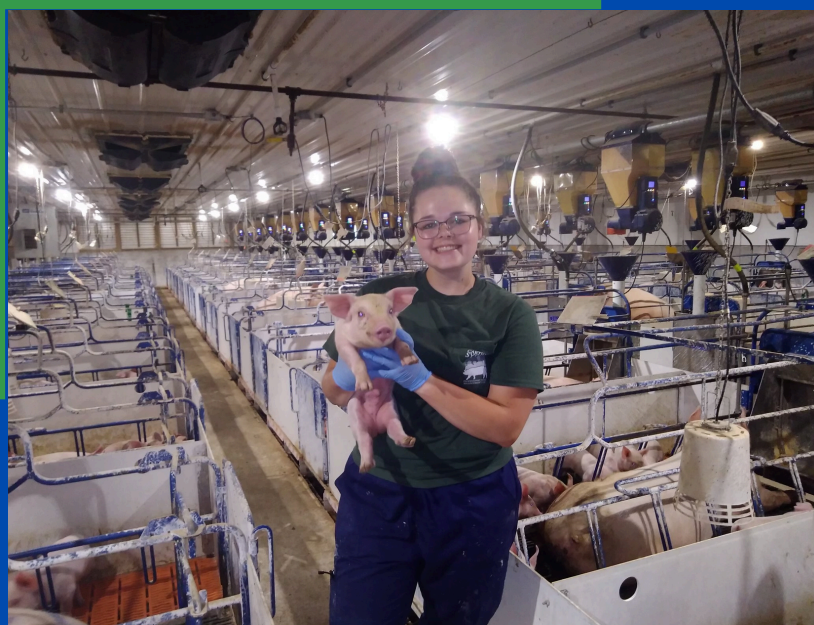


Sip to Success: My Swine Journey

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Daily Tasks:

- Practice animal husbandry by ensuring sows and piglets are cared for.
- Assist with company research projects by collecting feed wastage, mortalities, litter weights, etc..
- In charge of own intern research project on piglet water nipples and effect on litter performance

Skills

- Data Collection Skills
- Handling Sows and Piglets
- Collecting data, recording into Excel, and running data through R.

Advice:

My favorite advice/quote to share with anyone is "The expert at anything was once the beginner". Don't be scared to spread your wings because things are new, insert yourself, and become the expert.

New Experiences

- Running and collecting data on my own project
- Working with a diverse range of individuals and learning about their culture

Testimonial:

I decided that I wanted to do an internship to gain hands on experience not only within the swine industry, but also research. This internship taught me how to push through the hard days, and celebrate the good days. I was able to grow as an individual and professionally. Everyday had something new to learn, and that is what I enjoyed.



My Project:

During my internship, I ran my own trial on the effect of piglet water nipples on overall litter performance. I worked closely with the piglets and sows during this time to determine if water nipples had an effect on pre-wean mortality, fall-offs, and nurse on/off.