



EGGS AND TEAMWORK: WHAT IT'S LIKE TO WORK IN CAGE FREE PRODUCTION

Iowa Cage Free: Production Intern
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Internship Summary:

Intenship duration: June 24th, 2024 to August 16th, 2024
Location: Goldfield, Iowa



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Tasks/Duties:

- Collect mortality
- Sort through eggs
- Record deliveries/shipments
- Collect floor eggs
- Monitor equipment and flock health
- Calculate production numbers

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New experiences:

- Working with maintenance and manure management
- Touring Hawkeye Pride farms and learning about the egg breaker and egg membrane processing machine



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Skills I developed:

- Networking with higher ups
- How to adjust daily production numbers
- How to operate machinery safely

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How this internship impacted me:

This internship was a great experience for me. It helped me become more confident with my skills and knowledge. I also was exposed to many jobs I previously did not know about, such as quality control. I met many people who I will continue to have connections with. This experience has helped me gain knowledge of my career field and is something I am very grateful for.

Advice:

Obtaining an internship is important! It can help boost your confidence in your skills and become more experienced. Networking helps a ton and will help you obtain jobs in the future!