

Passion to Profession: My Internship at a Bull Stud

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My Internship

I interned over the summer at Hawkeye Breeders Services Inc. in Adel, IA as a rotating intern.

Dates: June 3rd - August 9th 2024



3 Main Tasks Completed

- 1) Feed the bulls to produce usable semen and clean their barns successfully
- 2) Aid in the daily collection by holding mounts and running AVs
- 3) Prepare tanks and orders for customers that order stored semen or embryos

Top Skills Developed

- 1) Follow specific barn security protocols based on where the semen will be delivered (U.S vs international)
- 2) Aid in the testing of collected semen and determine viability based on sperm morphologies
- 3) Determine the amount of straws needed and then make and fill the straws with all accurate information



New Experiences

- 1) Create straws based on what is collected for each bull and put accurate information based on shipping location
- 2) Fully prepare semen from collection to be put into straws alone by adding an antibiotic and extender

Internship Advice

An internship is a great way to figure out what you want to do in the future. Even if you don't feel like what you are doing for your internship is for you, it can help make decisions about what aspect you like and what you don't to help pick something better suited for you!



Testimony

During this internship I worked with a lot of important people in the cattle industry that have bulls and semen stored at Hawkeye. I was able to network with many people from the staff there to the producers with bulls there.