

# A Summer With The Herd

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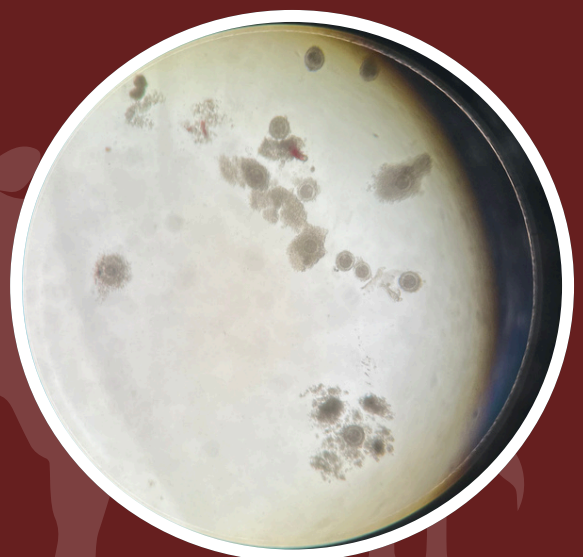
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## New Experiences:

- Working large numbers of cattle and having lots of hands on experiences giving injections, doing treatments, and inserting CIDR's.
- Working with and handling many hormonal drugs that are used for various different procedures and estrus synchronization.

## Skills Developed:

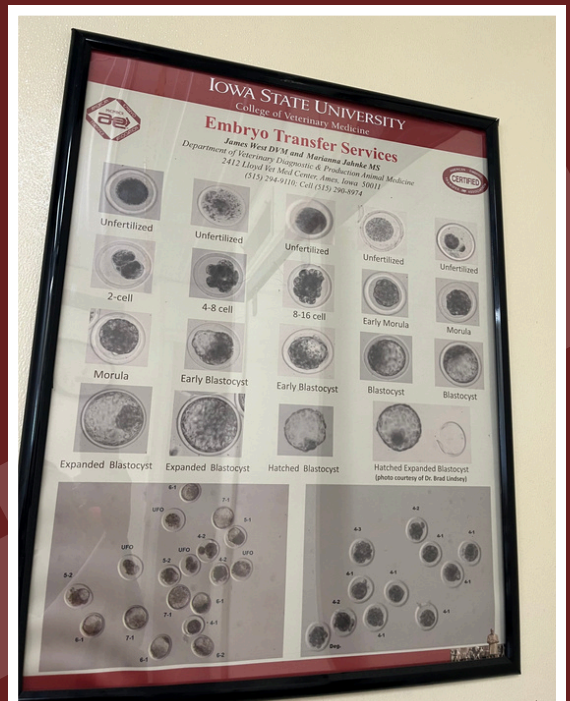
- Being able to handle stressful situations in a new environment.
- Fully understanding many aspects of the beef cattle reproductive system along with management practices.
- Working in a lab setting assisting the tech's while searching for embryos or oocytes under the microscope.



A picture of embryos under the microscope

## Main Tasks and Duties:

- Completing daily chores and heat checking with the herdsman of donor and recipient cattle.
- Assisting everyone in the clinic with procedures such as in vitro fertilization, embryo transfers, and conventional flushing.
- Participating in general tasks related to daily business upkeep and management.



An Iowa State poster that was in the lab which I found very useful when learning about grading embryos



Working cattle: giving injections of estrumate and putting on heat detection patches

## Testimonial of Impact:

Spending the summer at Westwood allowed me to truly understand the meaning of hard work and dedication. While many days were very busy I took every opportunity to learn something new. I really had the opportunity to understand the embryo transfer industry more than I ever knew possible. Being able to travel gave me the opportunity to interact with many different clients and people in the industry that I will be able to utilize for the rest of my career.

## Considering an Internship?

If you are ever considering an internship during your time here at Iowa State, the answer you should always say is YES! There are endless opportunities out there for you in the Animal Science world so find something you enjoy and go for it. Don't be afraid to do something scary or travel away from home. These are the times you can truly find yourself and find things you are passionate about.