



Taking Applications: GrowinG Internship Program 2023

Growing Beginning Farmers & Ranchers in Wyoming

The GrowinG Internship Program is now accepting applications for 2023. Internships are funded through a USDA Beginning Farmers and Ranchers project offering educational and practical experience to qualified applicants. "Goals of the program are to provide hands-on internships at working farms and ranches to Wyoming's beginning farmers and ranchers, in cooperation with state producer organizations and educational institutions," explained Kendra Faucett, program coordinator. Potential interns and site hosts are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

The program provides \$5,000 stipends for a 10-week work experience. Eligible applicants are 18 years or older who identify as ready to begin farming or who have been involved in managing their own farm or ranch enterprise fewer than 10 years.

You CAN Farm Wyoming! Learning Portal & Online Community

YCFWyo.com offers resources and assistance to persons looking to get started in agriculture, including:

- Online resources
- Support, including on-request coaching services
- Networking and mentorship opportunities for Wyoming new and beginning farmers and ranchers.

All at NO COST to the user

See GrowinG-WY.org/You-Can-Farm for more information or to get started.

Interns

GrowinG interns who are also degree-seeking students are encouraged to seek academic credit for participating in the GrowinG Internship Program. Academic credit must be arranged in advance between the student and an academic advisor with the granting educational institution.

Selected interns will spend 10 weeks on a host farm or ranch assisting with daily activities and learning from the manager and others. Accepted candidates will work with the site host to establish start and end dates once an award has been made. Interns also take part in at least one agricultural educational event, such as a UW Extension meeting, within the timeframe of their internship.

"Short work summaries submitted weekly help the intern reflect on day-to-day work and educational experiences throughout the internship," noted Ben Rashford one of the project co-directors. (See at GrowinG-WY.org/post/Intern_Tales)



Hosts

Selected hosts agree to provide room and board for the internship experience. Hosts work with the intern to provide safe and educational learning experiences, keeping in mind their learning objectives where possible.

"We encourage interested interns and potential hosts to apply now," said John Hewlett project co-director. "A state committee will help select candidates and match interns with host sites, beginning in mid-February."



Applications

Online application forms for 2023 internships are available at GrowinG-WY.org. The site also offers background information on the overall project, as well as links to collections of helpful resources and materials for beginning farmers and ranchers.

For more information, contact the GrowinG Internship Program at information@GrowinG-WY.org or GrowinG-WY.org.



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