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Applications Needed for Fall: GrowinG Internship Program 2023

Growing Beginning Farmers & Ranchers in Wyoming

The GrowinG Internship Program is extending our internship season. We are excited to offer the potential for Fall 2023 internships. Internships are funded through a USDA Beginning Farmers and Ranchers grant, offering education and practical experience to qualified applicants. “GrowinG strives to provide hands-on internships at working farms and ranches to beginning farmers and ranchers, in cooperation with state producer organizations and educational institutions,” explained Kendra Faucett, Program Coordinator.

Our team is looking to connect selected hosts and interns for ten-weeks between September 1st and the end of December. The specific dates will be set by host/intern availability and the GrowinG coordinator. Interested 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 for fewer than 10 years.

Interns

Selected interns will assist a Wyoming ranch/farm with daily activities, while learning from the owner/manager and others. Interns also take part in at least one agricultural educational event, such as a UW Extension meeting, during 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 when possible. “We encourage 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-August.”

Applications

Online application forms for Fall 2023 internships are available at GrowinG-WY.org. The site 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.

“We rotate both groups every three days or more to keep our pastures healthy and regenerative. We have to keep a pretty detailed account of our pasture rotations by entering the rotations into an excel sheet”

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“I’d like to call myself a well-rounded person who’s seen a little bit of everything, but working sheep is a new frontier for me.”

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