The Timmerman Feedyard Management Internship is designed for students interested in pursuing a career in beef feedyard management or other related agribusiness areas. The purpose of the internship is to train undergraduate students in the area of feedyard management to fill the growing need for trained, responsible individuals who can enter into management positions in feedyards.

The Timmerman Feedyard Management Internship is a nationally renowned feedyard management training program, exclusive to UNL, which has been producing feedyard management and industry leaders since 1988. The internship trains students through comprehensive feedyard management classes and with real world experiences in high caliber feedyards. Consider the Timmerman Feedyard Management internship to gain a better understanding of the beef industry and start a feedyard management career today!

The internship is designed to begin following the spring semester when students graduate with their undergraduate degree, and end just before Christmas so students are able to take a job beginning in January. It is designed for students to enter upon or near the completion of their undergraduate degree in Animal Science, Agribusiness, or a related major. Ideally, students should have had classes in livestock management, feed formulation, accounting, agricultural marketing, and agricultural finance. Students will submit an application prior to the end of fall semester and go through a screening process.

The internship is broken into three segments with the sessions being discussions rather than lectures and students are able to interact with experts in the area they are discussing. The pre-internship session occurs on the UNL campus beginning near the end of May to provide basic knowledge pertaining to the feedyard industry. Students interact with specialists in feedyard management and nutrition, animal health, economics, and personnel management. The second portion of the internship occurs when students go to their host feedyards to experience firsthand how professionals utilize the principles students learned in the pre-session. During the third portion, students return to UNL for two weeks to discuss their experiences with each other and the experts they were exposed to during the pre-session.
Internship Timeline

Application
- Early Spring of undergraduate senior year: submit an application for consideration
- Completed applications are due by March 1st (preference to those submitted by Feb. 1st) of the desired internship year
- February-March: Interview completed applicants
- March 15: Selection of applicants is posted

Pre-Internship seminar
- Six week feedyard management class at UNL begins the Tuesday right after Memorial day in May
- Housing available during the 6 week period- please email the internship coordinator for more details
- Topics include:
  - Internship orientation
    - Internship objectives
    - Internship organization
    - Feedyard structure
  - Personnel management
    - Personality types
    - Interpersonal skills
    - Communication skills
  - Integration of nutrition and feedyard management
    - Bunk management
    - Relationships of acidosis
    - Step-up diets
  - Feedyard management decisions and the decision making process
  - Animal Health
  - Waste Management
  - Economics
    - Risk Management
Internship
Early July-Begin work in selected feedyard, experiencing each feedyard division, which may include animal health, nutrition, office, feed mill operations, and waste management. Students are trained in each sector of the feedyard and allowed the opportunity to work from the ground up, learning the foundation of the feedyard. Students may also have the opportunity to interact with a feedyard’s consulting nutritionist, consulting veterinarian, cattle buyers, and the feedyard management as well.

Post-Internship seminar
• First and second weeks of December-Recap feedyard experience with classmates at UNL.
• Topics include:
  o Student reports on internship
  o Personnel management – integration of internship experience with information from pre-internship seminar
  o Feedyard marketing avenues
  o Feedyard risk management
  o Feedyard consultants
  o Integration of nutrition and feedyard management
  o Integration of internship experience with information from pre-internship seminar

At the conclusion of the Internship, some students have received job offers from their respective feedyard or may receive assistance in securing feedyard management employment. Job offers are strictly between the feedyard and intern.

Applications are due on March 1st and may either be submitted online or mailed to C220 Animal Science, UNL, Lincoln, NE 68583.

To apply for the Timmerman Feedyard Management internship online, please complete the following form: Application for Timmerman Feedyard Management Internship or mail us a hard copy.

Three letters of recommendation may either be mailed or emailed to: anscunlfeedyardinternship@unl.edu or gerickson4@unl.edu

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