

USA Agricultural Placements 2018



Placement	Dates	Wage	Accomm. Included?	Description	Duties	Skills & Experience Required
Nebraska - Custom Harvesting, Beef & Crops	March-November	\$1305-1620 per month	Yes	Family owned. Approximately 3500 acres in southwest Nebraska. Crops include corn, wheat, soybeans and sorghum. The grassland or pasture is used for grazing approximately 225 head of cows and calves. Cattle are a Seminal/ Angus cross. We do custom harvesting running six JD combines harvesting wheat, flax, canola, corn, soybeans and milo; other services include grain trailer rentals, truck sales and a repair shop.	Field preparation work; Seeding; Driving a variety of trucks and equipment; Equipment maintenance; Cattle work; Harvest Preparation; Custom harvesting in Texas, Colorado, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Kansas; Haying; Care of calves; Hauling feed to hay lots; Preparing equipment for winter; Health care of cattle; and cold weather care and safety.	<p>Previous experience with machinery and driving; willingness to test for and obtain a commercial driver's license upon arrival.</p> <p>Fluent English</p> <p>Crop/farm experience preferred.</p>
South Dakota - Custom Harvesting, Beef & Crops	March-November	\$8.50 per hour	Yes	7,000 acre crop and beef farm located in North Central South Dakota with 4725 acres tilled. Crops raised are corn, spring wheat, alfalfa, sunflowers, and soybeans. We have 600 beef cows that start calving in March. They are all black with Angus background. Calves are weaned in October or November, backgrounded in the feedlot and sold at auction in January to March.	Spring seeding, Operate combines, tractors, grain cart, grain trailers, flat trailers, tanker trailers, cattle trailers and combine trailers; drive a semi; Custom harvest in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, and South Dakota; Record keeping, Haying, Equipment maintenance, Field and yield mapping with GPS	<p>Previous experience with machinery and driving</p> <p>Willingness to test for and obtain a commercial driver's license upon arrival</p> <p>Fluent English</p>

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North Dakota - Crop Production	5-8 Months	\$7.25 per hour	Yes	Family operation covering over 6,000 acres. Primary crops are soybeans and corn. Minimum till and no till farming practices are used. There are seven center pivot irrigation systems. Trainee can expect to be involved in all aspects of the farm, from planting to harvest. Modern, large-scale farming equipment is used, including four-wheeled drive Quad-tracs, a 500 hp wheel tractor, and various smaller tractors.	Planting; harvesting; operating, maintaining and calibrating equipment; operating chemical and fertilizer machinery; applying fertilizer and chemicals; carting grain; driving semi; tilling; monitoring soil salinity; planning and implementing annual cover crop seeding program.	Experience with operating and maintaining large-scale farming equipment is required. The farm is smoke- free and no alcohol is allowed on the premises
Montana - Cattle Production/ Crops	April - March	\$1500/ month	Yes	This farm has been in operation since the early 1900s. They farm a variety of crops: wheat, lentils, peas, corn and sometimes canola. They have rotation and use minimum tillage on non-irrigated soils. They run mostly black Angus cattle that are bred with red and black angus bulls. Location is somewhat isolated.	Beef: Calving, Pregnancy testing, Bull reproduction, Herd health care, Selling and shipping calves, Cow nutrition, Delivering rations, Feeding cattle Crops: Repairing and maintaining machinery; Operating machines, tractors and semi-trailer trucks; Identifying weeds, Controlling weeds, Spraying crops, Selecting seeds, Seeding, Harvesting crops, Loading crops, Fall tilling	Experience with machinery Experience working with livestock

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Montana-Cattle/Haying/Crops	12 Months	\$2000/month	Yes	<p>Nestled between the Big Belt and the Little Belt Mountains, the ranch spans close to 100,000 acres in central Montana. Hardy herd of 2,750 Angus beef cows graze the mountainous country 10 months out of the year. Hay is the main field crop, but some oats, barley, and wheat are grown to give hayfields a rotational break from growing forages.</p> <p>The haying crew annually puts up 8,000 big round bales. The hay is mostly a mix of alfalfa and orchard grass grown on 1,800 acres of irrigated ground.</p>	<p>Cattle: Feeding regimen, Fence building and maintenance, Calving, Breeding, Vaccination, Dehorning, Castration, and Branding, Overall herd management</p> <p>Cropland: Helping with planting of crops</p> <p>All phases of fieldwork, Harvesting, Grain Hauling</p> <p>Haying: Operating of haying equipment to swath, rake and bale. Learning the process, procedures and timing of making haying decisions, Hauling hay in and fixing machinery.</p>	<p>Some knowledge of machinery</p> <p>Experience working with livestock</p>
Washington Cattle/Soil/Compost	6-12 months	\$1600/month	Yes	<p>The farm lies in the rain shadow of the Olympic Mountains. Our natural 100% grass fed and finished beef is grown on the lush pastures of a valley. The current herd has 115 mother cows, 60 long yearlings, 108 last year calves, and 51 new babies. Currently the farm operation consists of over 500 acres used for pasture, silage and hay production for the Angus beef cows, calves and yearlings. Our composting topsoil business sells top soil, compost, peat and bark to landscapers, farmers, gardeners and organizations.</p>	<p>Operating machinery; doing silage; composting; separation of materials; putting up hay; irrigation; cattle moving; fence fixing; weighing and loading cows; vaccination; using machines such as chopper, truck, swather, excavator, front end loader, dump truck, and tractors; bagging product (soil); aerating compost; mixing blends; filling shed; turning compost; soil testing and balancing; testing biochar; interpreting lab results.</p>	<p>U.S. driver's license required after arrival</p> <p>Some experience with machinery</p> <p>Some experience with livestock</p>

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California - Cheese Making/ Quality Management	6 Months	\$1920/month	Yes	Award-Winner artisan cheese manufacturer. Produces 20 different styles and varieties, specializing in fresh and soft ripened, goat and cow milk cheeses like Quark, Brie, Camembert and washed rind cheeses. All cheeses are 100 % natural and made with growth hormone free milk. The company is situated on 700 acres in a pristine coastal valley.	Managing suppliers' quality information; creating ingredient and primary packaging analysis; creating supplier management procedures and best practices for ingredient and packaging use; creating, reviewing, uploading, and revising documents; shelf life testing through tastings and pH, moisture, and weight measurement and lab analysis; reviewing HACCP study. GFSI certifying for a dairy.	Intermediate English level Knowledge of quality control standards, types of tests done, how cheese is made
Vermont- Cheese Making and Aging	Variable	\$10 Per hour at 40 hours per week	Yes, at rate of \$400 per month	This host includes two dairy farms, two creameries, and a 22,000 square foot cheese aging facility. Out of those farms and creameries, we produce 7 different kinds of award winning cheeses from 200 Ayrshire and Holstein cows. Located in rolling hills, we are in the heart of Vermont's sustainable local food movement.	Understanding the role and intended use of starter cultures. Proper care and use of cheese making cultures. Lot code tracking. Learning all the steps of the cheesemaking process, including the receiving of milk, pasteurizing, culturing, adding rennet, cutting, stirring, molding, draining and salting for soft cheeses. Participate and learn about the making of blue and alpine style cheeses. Sensory evaluation, pH meter use, moisture analyzer use, Food safety, sanitation and quality control.	U.S. driver's license required after arrival Microbiology or Chemistry skills Experience studying, making or working with cheese Classic cheese-producing countries preferred.

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Washington - Cheese Production/ Plant management	12 Months	\$2500/month	No	This is a farmstead cheese operation in Washington. Operating since 1996, they are currently milking about 50 cows and making cheese and yogurt. They primarily sell locally in Western Washington, with a large portion at farmers' markets. They make a variety of fresh and aged cheeses, some of which have won awards at the American Cheese Society. They plan to expand with the addition of sheep milk cheese, made from purchased milk.	General Introduction to the business, Transferring milk from bulk tank to cheese vat on production days, Laboratory analysis of the milk at the cheese plant for acidity PH, and sending the samples to a laboratory for analysis, Study for and take test to qualify for a pasteurizer's license and then be able to complete the pasteurization process, learn to make the unique proprietary cheeses of the farm as well as other standard cheeses that we produce.	U.S. driver's license required after arrival Two years cheese making experience preferred
Illinois- Swine Management, Breeding, Farrowing	12 months	12/Hour	No	This internship program provides an opportunity to learn modern farm practices by working side-by-side with production and farm managers and swine veterinarians. The company provides comprehensive management of breed to wean and wean to finish facilities across the Midwest. We focus on managing all phases of production including breeding, gestation, farrowing, nursery, and finishing.	Understand the dynamics of gilt development; Accomplish accurate estrus checking to ensure successful breeding; Perform accurate pregnancy testing; Follow the basic pattern of feeding applied to all gilts and sows in the breeding and gestation department; Keep accurate records of every animal under the trainee's care; Artificially Inseminate sows; Prepare for farrowing, balance the farrowing environment; care of piglets.	Must find transportation between farm site and housing, usually sharing purchase of car with other interns. Must pass drug test Some prior experience with pigs required.

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Michigan - Dairy Manager	1 year	\$8.90/hr for 50 hours per week	Yes	Family owned dairy consisting of 150 milking and dry cows, and 130 replacement heifers. The farm produces all their own feed on 500 acres of land, some of which is used as a pasture for the heifers and dry cows. The farm uses Artificial Insemination and focuses on preventative medicine with the use of vaccines, quality sanitation and nutrition.	Milking; Assembling milking equipment; Setting up the milking parlour; Handling dairy chemicals; Identifying mastitis and carrying out treatment; Nutrition; Mixing rations for calves, heifers, dry cows, lactating cows; Feeding calves; colostrum feeding; Ration formulations; Feed maintenance and management; Feed storage; General nutritional care; Breeding and AI; Cow Health – conducting herd health checks and vaccinations under supervision, recognizing milk fever and calf scours.	Previous dairy experience, or previous experience working with cattle Male trainees only due to living situation
Iowa - Mixed Crop & Dairy Trainee	1 year	\$7.25/hr for 50 hours per week	Yes	Diversified family dairy operation with 90 milking Holsteins and 1000 acres. The dairy is intensively managed, with a production rate of approximately 40 litres per day. Crops include corn, soybeans, alfalfa, and oats which are sold at a local farmers market.	Trainees will be required to work with automated feeding equipment, skid loaders, and tractors, as well as assisting with some field operations. The dairy milks three times a day, in a stall barn and flat barn parlour. Skills to be learned include, but are not limited to: preparing for milking, milking treated cows, identifying and reporting mastitis, feeding post-weaned calves and heifers, tagging calves, dehorning calves, artificial insemination, and repairs and maintenance on milking systems.	Previous dairy experience, or previous experience working with cattle

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Iowa- Robotic Dairy	1 year	\$1,000 per month stipend for 50 hours per week	Yes	Sixth generation, family run dairy farm. The dairy is a high end robotic facility with 4 robots milking 240 cows. The dairy herd is all registered Jersey cattle with a rolling herd average of about 20,000 lbs. They have an Angus beef cow calf operation with about 30 cows and feed out the jersey bull calves to market weight. They have approximately 400 laying hens and own 2 wean-to-finish hog buildings and lease them to an area farmer. Because of their varied agricultural industries, they are an ideal tour destination. Last year, they saw over 3,000 people from foreign countries. In the past year, they expanded their tour options to the general public, as well as to group tours for school children.	Bedding down barns; Identifying sick cattle and preparing for the vet; Daily calf care; Vaccinations; Feeding; Dehorning; Maintenance of robotic milking system; Post calving care; Hoof care treatment; Driving tractors, operating skid loader and gator, and operating feed mixing machinery; Assisting with planting crops; Breeding, to include identifying cows in heat, Performing Artificial Insemination, and Entering breeding data into computer; Cheesemaking and helping with farm tours (if interested).	Previous dairy experience, or previous experience working with cattle Excellent English Males preferred
North Dakota- Dairy	1 year	\$8/hr for 50 hours per week	Yes	Three generation family partnership consists of 25 employees and 800 milking head of Holstein cattle. Milking is done three times daily. The bulk tank average per day is 74-76 lbs per cow and the current rolling herd average is 22,500 lbs. The farm raises its own replacement heifers and cows are kept in conventional free-stalls and on pasture.	Trainees will rotate through each area of the farm. He/she may then choose to focus on one or two specific areas for training. Will learn dairy cow feeding, milking, artificial insemination, cleaning and calving. Assist with the feeding, cleaning, vaccination, castration, and movement of the dairy calves. Mix balanced rations and provide hay for the feed lot animals. Record-keeping, financial management, capital purchases and sales.	Previous dairy experience Ability to withstand harsh winter Driving Experience

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California - Equine training/ husbandry/breeding	Up to 12 Months	\$1600/ month	Yes	<p>This is a professional equine facility focused on training competitive jumpers. The business is operated as two divisions: I - Boarding and Training and II - Breeding and Young Horse Development.</p> <p>The business serves amateur riders seeking to supplement their skills and improve their horse's level of fitness training and soundness</p>	<p>Feeding, grooming, and tacking up horses; inspect for health issues or injuries; trailer loading; driving; lunging. Boarding and training operations, young horse development and stable management; learn training therapies. Foaling; chart progress of foals; charting progress and training deficiencies. Learn about breeding techniques and selection; handle new foals and mares, prepare nutrition guide and feeding chart. Chart breeding plans; learn cost analysis of reproductive methods. Work with contracts, bookkeeping, record keeping, billing and social media marketing. Ride young horses, assist teaching amateurs.</p>	<p>Computer and office skills to help with website & social media.</p> <p>At least 10 years riding experience (will need to send riding videos)- must be very capable.</p> <p>Show jump competition experience preferred</p> <p>Agricultural sciences and equine animal health or veterinary sciences are a good fit.</p>
Maryland - Equine Rehabilitation and Care	3 Months	Volunteer, Stipend of \$75/week	Yes	<p>The mission is to foster care and compassion for horses through intervention, education, and outreach.</p> <p>Their vision is to create and nurture a beneficial relationship between abused and neglected horses and caring human beings. The farm can hold 50 to 80 rescues for rehabilitation at any given time.</p>	<p>General horse care including feeding and daily care; properly maintain a stable including stall safety and repair, stall cleaning, and grooming; feed management including preparation, distribution, documentation, and adjustment; identification and interpretation of common medical problems and providing appropriate treatment; volunteer coordination; public speaking; tour leading; presentation skills; event planning; data entry and record keeping; horse training techniques.</p>	<p>Valid driver's license preferred</p>

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Florida and New Jersey - Equine care, management and training	5 Months	Stipend of \$350/week	Yes	Both locations are full service boarding facilities and provide lessons. Their horses compete at hunter/jumper shows up and down the east coast, almost 40 weeks out of the year. They concentrate on buying, breeding, and selling top quality hunters and jumpers at affordable prices, and training students who ride and compete at all levels.	Identification of horse herd; horse behavior; washing; catching and releasing; safety in horse handling; making inspections; restraining; basic health care; grooming; rehabilitation; basic horse training; providing feed; nutrition management; watering systems; turning out to graze; learning tack - bits, safety, types and uses, and introducing to horses. Selling; assessing appropriate markets; sales marketing; presenting to clients for sale; horse transportation and travel, barn manners; health requirements; developing marketing plans; loading and unloading from travel; food and water requirements while traveling.	Knowledge in basics of horse riding and handling
California - Turf and Golf Course Management	12 months	\$10.00 per hour	Yes	The course stretches out to a Par 72 that covers 6,863 yards. The layout is defined by the natural beauty that is created by steep elevation changes carved into tree-lined lush green fairways. The course is known as a tough, but very fair test of golf. The original course was designed in 1923 by Willie Lock and has undergone improvements and added features by famous architects throughout the subsequent years.	Proper application of fertilizers, pesticides and chemicals; mowing; irrigation management; irrigation troubleshooting; irrigation system design and layout; post-tournament turf restoration; use of computers and moisture meters for irrigation management; skills for removing/pruning various trees; maintenance of greens, tees, fairways, roughs, bunkers, and driving range; equipment repair and maintenance; project planning; cost estimation; budgeting; championship course maintenance; aerification techniques	Prior golf course/turf management experience required

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Oregon - Golf Turf Management	April-October	\$11.25 per hour	Yes	This platinum-rated country club is a very special place that embraces a proud history and respected traditions. The golf course is synonymous with the most closely held traditions of the game. It sits on one-hundred and thirty-eight majestic acres along the banks of the Willamette River.	Maintaining greens, tees, fairways, roughs, bunkers, and driving range; safely applying fertilizer and plant protectant; operating and maintaining machinery, equipment, and buildings; aerification; sand topdressing; irrigation; planting; understanding operational and capital budget processes; tree and ornamental identification and selection; Applying herbicide; observing tournament preparation methods; aerifying playing surfaces; differences in private club operations; drainage projects; capital expense purchasing; and agronomic practices.	Prior golf course/turf management experience required Maintain quality attendance and compliance with start and end times
Tennessee - Landscape/Horticulture	March - December	\$9-12/hour, depending on experience	Yes, but pay rent	The company creates unique and customized landscape designs such as hardscapes and stone work, outdoor patios and entertainment areas, water features, lawn care, maintenance, irrigation, drainage, and grading. We also excel in property & agricultural devolvment projects.	Familiarize with flora and fauna and landscapes of middle Tennessee; Become familiar with large machinery, farm and construction equipment, and understand their uses and benefits; Understand stone masonry work and hardscape installation; Understand property development on large scale residential properties; Understand the business administrative aspect of owning a company; Understand the work that happens at the close and turn of a season; Learn about onsite structures, buildings, fencing and construction.	Be in good physical shape and able to life heavy objects repeatedly. Males preferred

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Oregon - Nursery Management/Tree Production	12 Month	\$11/hour.	Yes	The Company produces bare root shade and flowering trees. Our catalog lists over 300 cultivars. There are twenty-five plant patents and trademarks for which the company has been responsible. The Company currently operates on 3,000 acres plus a 70-acre container yard, and a 10-acre Arboretum. At peak season we have 550 employees.	Collect, clean and plant seed; Harvest and store field plant; Collect, prepare and stick cuttings; Locate plants and identify; Prune and fertilize plants; Label plant properly; Scout and treat for insects & diseases; Check counts and update inventory; Collect and prepare scionwood; Pull orders and process paperwork; Transplant seedlings and cuttings; Unload and load trucks; Operate equipment; Operate and maintain facilities; Maintain tools and equipment.	Applicants should be able to identify plant materials and have trees as their focus
Minnesota - Nursery/Landscape Management	Up to 10 Months	\$9.50 per hour, 40-60 hours per week	Yes	This host is located in the broader metropolitan area of the Twin Cities, Minnesota. In the spring they specialize in a wide variety of annuals, tropicals, perennials, trees, shrubs, hanging baskets, patio tubs, planters, pottery, statuary, and fountains. They have a great selection of soils, rocks, and mulches available bagged or bulk. They also offer a full range of landscape services to meet individual needs, including designs, installations, and consultations. In summer they host a Farmer's Market for fresh produce which is picked daily.	Planning fields and plots; Seeding in greenhouses; Soil and water testing, Soil preparation; Customer service; Landscape Maintenance; Propagation Harvesting; Seedling Grading; Container Production; Bare Root Production of perennials; Field production and harvesting of vegetables; Cultivation practices, depending on crop; Production of Mums; Greenhouse production of tomatoes and herbs; Soil and water testing; Irrigation of fields; Conifers and seasonal decorative plants	Some horticulture/nursery experience

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Oregon - Fruit Production	4-6 Months	\$15 per hour for 40 hours per week	Yes	A 2200 acre diversified farming and packing operation in the states of Oregon and Washington with leased and owned properties. The fresh cherry production base of 2000 acres focuses on varieties such as Chelan, Tieton, Rainier, Bing, Lapin, Kordia, Regina, Skeena and Sweetheart and up to 10,000 tons of cherries are processed and packed each year on two packing lines.	Training cherry trees; pruning pear, cherry, and grape orchards; cherry packing; maintaining equipment; managerial and human resource skills; budgeting; logistics of large-scale commercial farming; applying chemicals and fertilizer; record keeping; marketing fresh fruit; food safety auditing process; and work safety.	A U.S. driver's license is required for work Best suited for a male trainee due to the living accommodations on the orchard
Iowa- Fruit production, processing, sales	8 months	\$1260 per month	Yes	The Orchard has 15 acres of apples and 4 acres of strawberries and blueberries. They own a modern sales building with attached cold storage and processing. The retail building is open to customers year round. Any fruit not sold is processed into pies, apple cider and other value-added items. There is a large crossover from the horticultural business and the value-added business.	Pruning; planting; thinning; tending apple trellis; mulching; preparing strawberry field; building irrigation system; baking pies; grading; packaging fruit; harvesting apples and strawberries; managing farmers' markets; inventorying; preparing apple orchard; marketing fruits; bookkeeping on micro level; Pressing and processing apple cider; processing apple butter; marketing fruits; managing sales room; customer service; fencing; proper storage of apples, strawberries and blueberries; controlling pests.	Iowa driver's license is required There is an 11pm curfew for 5 week period during harvest English is to be the only language spoken during work hours Females preferred