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EDUCATION

Kansas State University

Master of Science in Animal Science

Manhattan, KS

Expected Graduation May 2027

Kansas State University

Bachelor of Science

Major: Animal Sciences and Industry

Minor: Food Science

HACCP and PCQI Certification

Manhattan, KS

May 2025

EXPERIENCE

Kansas State University

Graduate Research/Teaching Assistant

Manhattan, KS

August 2025 – Present

- Coordinate and aid in the execution of various research projects in meat science.
- Participate on sensory and visual panels.

Conagra Brands

Research and Development Intern- Meat Science

Omaha, NE

May 2025 – August 2025

- Conducted pilot plant trials to evaluate processing parameters, yield optimization, and product quality outcomes.
- Performed sensory and analytical testing to assess product performance and consumer appeal.
- Collaborated with cross-functional R&D and FSQA teams to ensure formulations met regulatory standards.

Kansas State University Meat Laboratory

Student Worker

Manhattan, KS

August 2021 – May 2025

- Cleaned, sanitized, and maintained all assigned equipment and work premises, properly.
- Interpreted and adhered to OSHA safety regulations and FDA food handling and storage guidelines.
- Processed customer orders and prepared cuts of meat, properly.

National Cattlemen's Beef Association

Convention Intern for CattleCon

San Antonio, TX

February 2025

- Assisted in organizing and executing NCBA's annual CattleCon event, working closely with industry leaders, sponsors, and stakeholders.
- Supported various event logistics, including registering over 8,000 attendees and coordinating 10 sessions.
- Gained insight into industry trends with professionals within the beef cattle industry.

Standard Meat Company

Food Safety and Quality Assurance Internship

Dallas, TX

May 2024 – August 2024

- Monitored food safety system programs and adherence to product quality standards.
- Worked alongside R & D and Operations Teams on multiple internal projects.
- Implemented HACCP, SSOP, and GMP Pre-requisite programs.

Iowa Premium, A National Beef Company

Quality Assurance Internship

Tama, IA

May 2023 – August 2023

- Monitored food safety system programs and adherence to product quality standards.
- Collaborated with Fabrication and Slaughter Quality Assurance Teams.
- Evaluated Statistical Product Control (SPC) records.

LEADERSHIP

Kansas State University, Animal Sciences and Industry Mentorship Program

Mentor

Manhattan, KS

May 2023 – May 2025

- Engaged with prospective students and their families during Departmental visits.
- Assisted the Department of Animal Sciences Recruitment Team in planning and executing activities.

- Support the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry in organizing and executing stakeholder events, facilitating communication and engagement.

Peer Advisor

August 2024 – May 2025

- Directed students to campus resources, career services, and extracurricular activities.
- Served as a mentor to less experienced students, offering advice and encouragement.
- Assisted with administrative tasks related to advising.

Kansas State University, Meat Judging Team

Manhattan, KS

Coach

January 2026 – Present

- Mentor 10 collegiate meat judging team members in carcass and cut evaluation.
- Apply leadership, communication, and teamwork skills in a competitive, team-oriented environment.
- Educated students in the application of USDA yield grading standards to ensure accurate carcass and cut evaluation.

Member

January 2023 – November 2023

- Developed a deeper understanding of the meat industry.
- Gained leadership, communication, and teamwork skills.
- Demonstrated specialized knowledge in the evaluation of carcasses and cuts of meat.

INVOLVEMENT

- National Cattlemen’s Beef Association, *Member* November 2024 - Present
- Kansas State University Meat Animal Evaluation Team, *Member* January 2024 - April 2024
- Kansas State University Meat Judging Team, *Member* January 2023 – November 2023
- Kansas State University Wool Judging Team, *Assistant Coach* August 2022 - January 2023
- Kansas State University Meat Science Quiz Bowl Team, *Member* January 2022 – June 2025
- Kansas State University Block and Bridle, *Member* August 2021 – May 2025
- Kansas State University Wool Judging Team, *Member* August 2021 - February 2022
- Kansas State University Collegiate Cattlewomen, *Member* August 2021 - May 2022
- American Meat Science Association, *Member* January 2022 - Present
- American Romney Breeders Association, *Member* January 2020 - Present
- American Corriedale Association, *Member* January 2017 - Present
- Ohio Cattlemen’s Association, *Member* January 2017 - Present
- Ohio Sheep Improvement Association, *Member* January 2016 - Present

HONORS AND AWARDS

- National Meat Animal Evaluation Contest Champions April 2024
- AMSA Tyson International Meat Judging Alternate Contest, 10th high individual November 2023
- AMSA Eastern National Meat Judging Contest Champions September 2023
- National Barrow Show Meat Judging Contest Champions, 3rd high individual September 2023
- Kansas State University Block and Bridle Club, Outstanding Sophomore May 2023
- AMSA Houston Stock Show and Rodeo Meat Judging Contest Champions, 11th high individual March 2023
- AMSA Southwestern Meat Judging Alternate Contest, 4th high individual January 2023
- AMSA National Western Meat Judging Contest Champions January 2023
- American FFA Degree Recipient October 2022
- National FFA Association Agriculture Sales Entrepreneurship Proficiency, Gold Rating October 2022
- Ohio’s Star American FFA Degree in Agribusiness Candidate May 2022
- Black Hills Stock Show Collegiate Wool Judging Contest, 10th high individual February 2022