

Commercial Pig Production – Pillen Family Farms

About

At Pillen Family Farms/DNA Genetics we're always looking for great people to join our dynamic team – and that includes internship positions! We're a family-owned, family-focused business that takes great care in everything we do, from raising highly productive pigs to fostering team member development.

We specialize in all aspects of producing quality pork for the world's table which includes our genetic program (DNA Genetics), commercial production (Pillen Family Farms) all the way through final processing (Wholestone Foods).

Our internship program provides an in-depth, immersive experience into all areas of our business, from pig care to promoting our genetic program to customers. Each internship is well crafted to provide students of all majors and career goals with quality professional experiences.

Timeline

Summer Internships and Winter Break/Mid-Term Internships available (flexible upon academic schedule)

Duties & Responsibilities

Interns will obtain experience in the following areas:

Commercial Reproduction

- Principles of gilt development & selection
- Heat detection, post cervical artificial insemination & pregnancy checks
- Engagement in the farrowing process
- First 48-hour piglet care including split suckling, cross fostering, castration & vaccination
- Feed budget and sow body condition scoring
- Ventilation systems & filtration

Commercial Nursery/Finish Production

- Pig Observation Techniques
- Principles of proper pig placement
- Marketing
- Providing treatments & vaccinations
- Learning/understanding Dicam systems
- Ventilation & filtration

Qualifications

Any student pursuing a two or four-year animal science (or related) degree who meets the following qualifications:

- 2.8 GPA or above
- Passionate about teamwork, accountability and has the desire to learn and understand the company's operation system
- Team player and ability to work with others

Benefits

- Paid internship
- Housing
- Mileage reimbursement available
- Tuition assistance program
- Weekly opportunity to engage with all leadership
- Experiences with other interns
- Social events

Application Process

Visit pillenfamilyfarms.com/internships to apply!

