

# INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

# *Your Pathway* TO PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT



**IOWA SELECT FARMS** has more than 230 people who fill a variety of challenging and exciting roles within our production management team, many of whom were former interns that have experienced significant career growth in a full-time, on-farm management position.

From our multiplication and sow farms to our nursery and grow-finish operations, we're proud of our management team's dedication, their drive to continuously improve our production system and their commitment to responsibly producing safe, high quality pork.

While all of our managers have had their own unique timeline for growth and learning, Iowa Select Farms has helped them exponentially increase their job skills and develop into successful leaders, opening doors for upward mobility and career advancement.

Iowa Select Farms is looking for interns to join our summer internship program, that is designed to kick off an exciting career in pork production management. It is preferred that applicants are pursuing an animal-science, Ag studies, or a degree in a related field. Other qualities that we are looking for are teamwork, accountability for reaching performance goals, strong work ethic, and the desire to learn and understand operational aspects. Technology skills and leadership qualities are also needed to be successful within our system.



# TOP WORK PLACES

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## 2023

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# WE'RE A TOP WORKPLACE!

Iowa Select Farms is a 2022 Top Workplace in Iowa by the *Des Moines Register*. Top Workplace awards are based solely on the results of employee-survey feedback administered by Workplace Dynamics, a research firm specializing in organizational health and workplace improvement.

The survey measured several aspects of each workplace including organizational health and individual job satisfaction such as employee confidence in employer management and business strategy, company culture and appreciation of employee contributions to company success.



## Wean to Market Production Internship

Members of our Wean to Market production management team work to oversee pig care and develop employees and contractors while holding themselves accountable for achieving specific performance goals. The wean to market team is made up of farm managers, supervisors, senior supervisors and director.

The interns hired for the **Wean to Market Production Internship** will be paired with a WTM supervisor and should expect to learn all facets of this area of production, leaving this position with invaluable skills and industry knowledge.

### Skills acquired during this internship:

- Principles of early pig care including behavioral observation and proper feed, water, and health programs
- Principles of ventilation including proper zone heating, air inlet control and air exchange
- Principles of weaned pig movements including animal handling, sorting by size and managing health pens
- Principles of feeder pig care including behavioral observation and proper feed, water, and health care programs
- Collaboration with the WTM and health services team on proper care and treatment programs
- Principles of marketing programs
- Employee/contractor management, personnel development and the importance of employee engagement

### Pathway after this internship

This internship creates a solid foundation to receive a full-time offer from Iowa Select Farms come graduation. As a full-time employee, your opportunities for growth in your role will continue, along with the ability to participate in our PeopleCare Leadership Program!



### WEAN TO MARKET INTERN PATHWAY TO FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT



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## Breed-to-Wean Production Internship

Members of our sow farm leadership teams work to oversee pig care and develop employees while holding themselves accountable for reaching specific performance goals. These positions are called sow farm managers, breeding and farrowing department heads, breeding and farrowing assistant department heads, new born pig specialist, and heat check/AI specialist.

The interns hired for the **Breed-to-Wean Production Internship** will join a sow farm leadership team and should expect to learn all facets of this area of production, leaving this position with invaluable skills and industry knowledge.

### Skills acquired during this internship:

- Principles of breeding including body condition scoring, heat detection, artificial insemination and pregnancy checks
- Principles of farrowing and piglet care including cross-fostering, colostrum management, processing, vaccination and castration
- Monitoring and overseeing farm and equipment sanitation, supply usage/ordering and production, recordkeeping
- Employee management, personnel development and the importance of employee engagement

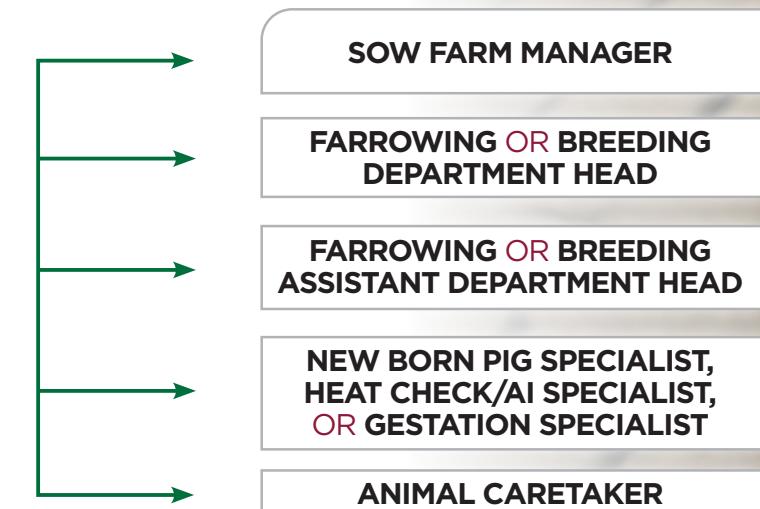


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## Internship Program Details

Iowa Select Farms encourages all students who are pursuing a 2- or 4-year degree in Animal Science, Ag Studies, Ag Production or related field and seriously considering a career in swine production management to apply for a spot in our Internship Program.

- Housing included with internship
- All work locations in Iowa
- Internships available in breed-to-wean and grow-finish production
- Paid internship - \$17/hr
- Potential college credit
  - Iowa Select Farms will work to accommodate collegiate requirements
- Professional development activities throughout the summer
- Attend company event celebrations like the Iowa State Fair



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