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Foremost Farms Welcomes Seven Interns

BARABOO, Wis. This summer, Foremost Farms USA[®] is pleased to have seven interns working in various aspects of the business. Here's a brief biography of each individual including what they are studying and what they will be doing at the cooperative in the next few months. Look for individuals from your area.



The 2015 interns include (shown, l-to-r): Lindsey Hellenbrand, Lotte DeSaegher, Kelsey Collins, Mike Leslie, Jared Gruetzmacher, Mitch Pilsner, and Josh Eck.

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Josh Eck

Cost Accountant Intern-Baraboo

Supervisor: Mike Prochnow, assistant controller of operational accounting

Josh Eck, Platteville, Wis., is studying accounting and business administration with an emphasis in integrated supply chain management at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. He expects to graduate later this year and already has practical work experience in accounting as an employee for Freeman Transports and Walmart Stores, Inc., both of Platteville.

Lindsey Hellenbrand

Communications Intern-Baraboo

Supervisor: Joan Behr, director of communications and brand management

Lindsey Hellenbrand, Cross Plains, Wis., is studying dairy science and life science communications at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and expects to graduate in 2016. She has a lifetime of experience in dairy with many leadership roles in FFA and 4-H, including being named last year's Lodi Agricultural Fair Fairest of the Fair. Lindsey is also a communications intern at Yahara Pride Farms where she writes content for social media and articles for newsletters and mailings. She has served as an intern at Semex USA and has worked at the UW-Madison Babcock Hall Dairy Store. She is a member of the Association of Women in Agriculture since 2012 and is a member of Collegiate Farm Bureau and Badger Dairy Club. Lindsey also participated on the "Ag Day on Campus" planning committee and events.

Jared Gruetzmacher

Engineering Intern-Baraboo

Supervisor: Brandon Wilson, engineering project manager

Jared Gruetzmacher, New London, Wis., is majoring in agribusiness with a minor in agricultural engineering technology at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. He expects to graduate in 2016. He has completed coursework in equipment structures, power systems, professional development, financial and managerial accounting, hydraulics, public speaking and pre-calculus. Jared has also worked on multiple design teams including designing a quarter scale tractor and has construction experience from previous jobs. Jared is in Alpha Gamma Rho and is in the Ag Mechanics Club. He was also involved the SAE Snowmobile Team and the Webfooter Waterski Team.

Mike Leslie

EHS&S Intern-Rothschild

Supervisor, Kris Zwicky, EHS&S Manager

Mike Leslie, Racine, Wis., is majoring in industrial technology with an emphasis in occupational safety management at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and plans to graduate later this year. He has worked at the UW-Platteville Chancellor's office and as a safety intern at Grant County Emergency Management. He also has a number of certifications including being a weather spotter and entry-level firefighter. Mike also works as a driver helper, merchandiser and special events employee at C.J.W. Triangle Distribution in Racine, Wis.

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Mitchel Pilsner

EHS&S Intern-Baraboo

Supervisor: Bob Schoenhard, EHS&S Manager

Mitch Pilsner, Mayville, Wis., is currently pursuing a business administration degree with an emphasis in marketing and general business and a minor in environmental science at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. He has work experience at Hechimovich Masonry Construction where he helped set forms in concrete for residential foundations and also was an EHS&S assistant at Foremost Farms last summer organizing environmental program binders among other duties. He is a member of the Field and Stream Sportsman Club and is interested in natural science, climate issues and green energy.

Lotte DeSaegher

Member Services Intern-Baraboo

Supervisor, Rachel Turgasen, director of milk supply development

Lotte DeSaegher, Ithaca, Mich., is studying dairy management at Michigan State University and expects to finish college next fall. She has experience at the Diagnostic Center for Population and Animal Health working as a student in the virology lab and has worked on her family's dairy and other Michigan dairy farms. Her skills include the ability to culture for mastitis and she is also bilingual, speaking Dutch and English. Lotte is involved in the MSU Dairy Club, MSU Block and Bridle, FFA and raises Holstein heifers for large dairy shows.

Kelsey Collins

Member Services Intern-Baraboo

Supervisor: Mike O'Brien, director of milk procurement

Kelsey Collins, Richland Center, Wis., is pursuing a bachelor's degree in animal science with an emphasis in dairy and an agribusiness minor at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. Kelsey has worked at the Pioneer Activities Center at UW-Platteville where she was responsible for enforcement of proper policies and procedures. She also worked as a seasonal production associate last summer at Foremost Farms' Richland Center cheese plant. She has worked at Walmart in Richland Center and member farm, Sylvan-T Farms, Inc., of Richland Center. Kelsey is involved in the Pioneer Dairy Club, the American Dairy Science Association, the National Society of Leadership and Success and World Dairy Expo as an ethics volunteer. She was also a member of 4-H, Key Club, Student Council, National Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America and a member of the Big Buddy program.

Foremost Farms USA (www.foremostfarms.com), headquartered in Baraboo, Wis., is a farmer-owned milk processing and marketing cooperative with annual sales of \$2 billion. The nation's sixth-largest cooperative and number 25 in annual sales among the Top 100 U.S. dairy processors, Foremost Farms is a leading manufacturer and marketer of cheese, specialty whey ingredients, butter and bulk fluid milk to customers around the world.

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