

My Internship

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My internship is through Lone Creek Cattle Company. They have several ranches and farms throughout Nebraska and I was sent to the Toro Ranch near Gates, NE, about 20 miles North of Broken Bow, which is where I grew up. The Toro Ranch is primarily a bull development and bull leasing facility, but we will also be setting up cows for embryo transfers sometime this summer. My supervisor is **Caleb Harris**.

I heard of Lone Creek from a friend last year and see posters for it all over Animal Science on UNL's East Campus. I chose them because the primary breed they are based from, the Piedmontese, is an interesting and new breed to work with, and provided the opportunity to learn more about raising antibiotic free beef. So far, I have worked on many tasks: mowing, spraying, cleaning water tanks, cleaning manure from bunk pads, swathing alfalfa, cleaning tractors, loading out cattle, working cattle, blowing bunks, setting up balers and rake. I have also traveled to other ranches for assorted reasons on a couple occasions. I look forward to setting up cows for embryonic transfers and learning more about that entire process. I also helped at a branding one weekend for the ranch and help set gates and move cattle when necessary. I also look forward to learning how to ride and rope, but unfortunately for insurance purposes, I cannot be on another's horse during work hours, so I must do that outside of work.