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## VETERINARY STUDENT SUMMER EXTERNSHIP

**DESCRIPTION:** Riverview, LLP is an agribusiness based in Morris, Minnesota with farms in Arizona, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Mexico and South Dakota. We are involved in beef, crops, construction and dairy and are currently looking for veterinary student summer externs for 10 weeks in the summer of 2025. The role of the veterinary student summer extern is to implement a research project of importance to Riverview's dairy segment in collaboration with university veterinary faculty and Riverview's on-staff veterinarians. While gaining important hands-on experience working in the various production areas of our farm – maternity, ICU, feeding, reproduction etc. through tailored weekly rotations.

## REQUIREMENTS

- Core value cultural fit
  - Strong Work Ethic, Spirit of Humility, Keep it Simple, Integrity, Candor
- Passionate about production agriculture
- Willingness to learn Spanish
- Data-based decision making
- Persistent: Demonstrates willingness to get something done
- Organized: Plans, organizes and prioritizes in efficient manner
- Flexible: Adjusts quickly to changing priorities and conditions
- High standards for personal and team performance



## RIVERVIEW RESEARCH PRIORITIES 2025

1. Calf Castration
  - a. Key Question – Does utilization of lidocaine infused castration bands improve the welfare and/or productivity of dairy/beef crossed bull calves?
  - b. Why is this important to Riverview? We are continuing to look for advancements in cattle health, performance and welfare. This is a new product for the market, and we would like to evaluate prior to implementation on our farms.
2. Pre-movement comingling of hutch calves
  - a. Key Question – Does the comingling of small groups of calves prior to movement into larger group pens affect calf health or mortality?
  - b. Why is this important to Riverview? Care and management of our calves is a continual evolution. As management evolves, we want to ensure we are maximizing the health of the calves/heifers in our care.

3. Calf Transportation
  - a. Key Question – What is the impact of calf transportation on their health, productivity and welfare?
  - b. Why is this important to Riverview? Transportation is a critical aspect of our calf management system. We'd like to better understand the implications of transportation on these calves.
  
4. Market Cow Management
  - a. Key question – How does the implementation of market dairy cow data effect the animals that are sent for harvest? What on-farm applications can reduce condemnation rates?
  - b. Why is this important to Riverview? – We'd like to better understand the dynamics dairy cows marketed. To date, there is little data around this topic, and we'd like to understand if there are health, or welfare impacts that should be considered and/or managed.

### **BENEFITS OF PROGRAM**

- Opportunity to conduct unbiased and practical research on a 7,000+ cow dairy or large calf ranch.
- Ability to develop a deep understanding of large dairy operations by rotating through the various animal care teams.
- Mentorship from on-staff veterinarians and collaboration with veterinary faculty.
- Ability to learn farm-specific Spanish through an immersion experience.
- Field trips to other sites in the Riverview system.
- Potential to present research at AABP or potentially be published.
- \$18 per hour with time-and-a-half for every hour over 40 hours per week. A typical workweek is 60 hours and nets out to \$21 per hour.
- Housing will be provided at no additional cost to the extern.

Dates of Externship: May 27<sup>th</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

Location Dependent Upon Project – Minnesota, South Dakota or Arizona.

**TO APPLY:** Submit online application with cover letter and resume: <http://www.riverviewllp.com/internships.html> or email application, cover letter and resume to: [careers@riverviewllp.com](mailto:careers@riverviewllp.com).

**Applications due by Saturday, November 30th.**

