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“Accessing Innovation”

Summer in Review: The Interns — Emily, Jessica, & Tyler

The end of summer means a transition into the beginning of fall and harvest, and for the interns heading back to college, it means the end of an experience here at Ag Partners. We've asked them to tell us what they've been up to, what they liked, and where they're going from here!

Emily — Agronomy Intern: My experience this summer with Ag Partners was great! I was able to scout fields, meet with new growers, and learn more about agronomy. I really enjoyed tagging along with the agronomists so they could show me what I would be doing in the future. I will now be heading back to Northwest Missouri State until I graduate in December, and hope to be an agronomist thereafter.



Jessica — Ag Marketing Tech Intern: As the Ag Marketing Tech Intern, there were many opportunities for involvement in scouting in-field or right alongside an agronomist, such as flying the drone from an ag technology perspective. On the other hand with the marketing piece, I was able to take agronomic information and transfer it into the hands of farmers through the newsletter and other outlets including on social media platforms such as Twitter. I will also return to Northwest and graduate in December with my Ag Sciences degree.



Tyler — Agronomy Intern: My experience here at Ag Partners was very interesting as I had many opportunities to learn and expand my potential as a future agronomist. I was fortunate to take part in our Innovation Trials, which included 16 trials for evaluation of different seed treatments, fungicides, and the dual hybrid planter to name a few. My exposure to the trials also allowed me to experience better customer interactions. Lastly, I also will soon be heading back to school at Northwest to continue majoring in Agronomy.



The interns would like to say “Thank You” to each and everyone they met during their time at Ag Partners this summer, and for all the help they received along the way!

5 Tips for Harvest Prep: Jeff Williams

As we prepare to dive into an earlier-than-expected harvest this fall, we at Ag Partners are here to help you in any way that we can. With that being said, this week I'll review five tips to look for in the field from an agronomic perspective for better crop management evaluation. Some or all of these topics can lead to other conversations, and we will be covering those further in the coming weeks as well.

- **Dry Down/Test Weight**
- **Yield:** While this is one of the first things that tends to be evaluated, it shouldn't be the only evaluation. Also, it's worth keeping in mind that *limited rainfall equals limited insights*.
- **Standability/Late Season Intactness**
- **Fertility**
- **Population (Density)**

Grain Market Update: Ed Molt

All the markets seem to be waiting in the dark for any kind of information so they can react one way or another. Wheat prices surged upwards again today on talks of possible limits on Russian exports. Soybean prices were a little lower today on fears of the Africa Swine Fever outbreak in China and slow demand on soy protein. Corn has just been hanging out not knowing just what to do. The Pro Farmer tour kicks off next week in the far west and the Far East and meets in the middle... It will be interesting to see what information comes from that each day next week, and how the markets will react.

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