Internship presentation
Christensen Family Farms
Sleepy Eye, Minnesota
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Overview

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History

- First began in 1974
- In 1980 the program had developed into a 140 head farrow to finish operation
- Bob continued to buy sites all over the US
- Today Christensen Family Farms is the largest family-owned swine producer
Major Competitors

Smithfield Farms VA, Triumph Foods MO, Seaboard Foods KS, Prestage Farms NC, Iowa Select Farms IA, Cargill MN
Job Description

- Work in the Breeding barn for two weeks
  - Heat detect, AI, feed, treat, power washing

- Work in the farrowing unit for three weeks
  - Feed, sleeving sows, piglet/sow care, loading weaned pigs

- Travel to nurseries for two weeks
  - Gruel feeding, treating piglets, unloading weaned pigs

- Travel to finishing units for two weeks
  - Treating pigs, maintenance, loading out, tattooing sows, weighing
How I got the Internship

- Spring Career Fair!!!!!
- Talked to Jackie and Danielle
  - Work in HR department. In charge of coordinating internship program.
  - Had two phone interviews after career fair
Expectations

- Came into the internship with almost no swine experience
- Learn the various phases in hog production
- Lots of hands on experience
What I learned!!

- How to run a sow farm
  - Feeding, breeding, farrowing, breed projections, feed order, weaning

- Nursery
  - Best ways to care for piglets when they first come in, and how to get the healthiest pigs

- Finishing unit
  - How to get the best market pigs possible
Questions?