

Oakdale Ranch

Intern – Husbandry Position Description

Oakdale Ranch is a 6 ½ acre small diversified farming operation in the Knights Ferry area of Stanislaus county. We are offering an internship opportunity for college students who are interested in learning about farm planning, farm management and establishing a production Husbandry operation. The internship is available during the school term, while student is enrolled in agricultural or related studies. The intern will report directly to the owners of the farm.

The Oakdale Ranch internship is a hands-on, work experience focused on planning and operating a small farm. The intern will have the opportunity to learn sustainable husbandry planning, management and operations. Selection of husbandry animals will depend on student interests and student time availability. The intern will be involved with general animal care, including feeding and ensuring health on an ongoing basis. Student will be involved in farm maintenance and general farm equipment maintenance and equipment repairs associated with husbandry operations. There will be opportunities for the Intern to help develop and implement farm record keeping and understanding requirements for husbandry operations. There will also be an opportunity for the intern to learn how to utilize a drone for husbandry optimization applications.

Intern Duties and Responsibilities

- Utilize farm implements and equipment for care and feeding of farm animals
- Perform maintenance and refueling of farm equipment
- Perform farm maintenance tasks, such as keeping the barn/shop clean, fence repairs, tree trimming and weed abatement.
- Responsible for irrigation tasks for pasture feeding areas
- Help ensure animal health and well-being.

Learn Equipment Maintenance

- Work with owners on farm implement and equipment maintenance and repairs
- Assist owners on general farm maintenance tasks
- Maintain irrigation equipment
- Keep maintenance records

Learn Husbandry Farming and Management

- General overview of husbandry practices
- Assist with husbandry animal selection for optimal farm utilization
- Assist with feeding and care of husbandry animals
- Be willing and able to learn new skills and help with various husbandry farming practices
- Keep records of husbandry operations including feed utilization

Learn Drone Utilization for Farming Optimization

- General overview of drone utilization for farming and husbandry practices
- Be willing and able to learn new skills and help develop drone utilization techniques

Minimum Qualifications

- College student earning a degree in agriculture or related field
- Prior experience with basic farming practices and equipment operation desired but not required. The important thing is willingness to learn.
- Valid Driver's license with clean record
- Legal right to work in United States
- Be able to lift up to 30 lbs when required
- Be able to stand and walk 75% of the day
- Speak and understand Spanish is preferred but not required