

Summer 2016-2017
USDA/APHIS/AMS/Animal
Care Internship

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Internship information

- **Through the Tribal Liaison**
 - Partnering with the TCU schools
- **Providing internship opportunities that relate to USDA related interests**
 - AMS, Animal Care & APHIS internships
 - 8 week paid internship
 - Spread throughout the U.S.

Summer 2016 Internship

- **Worked with;**
 - **Agricultural Managing Services (AMS)**
 - **United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)**
- **Took place in Fresno, California**
- **Worked under 3 different companies**
 - **Foster Poultry Farm, Fresno, Ca**
 - **Harris Ranch Plant, Selma, Ca**
 - **Central Valley Meat, Hanford, Ca**

Foster Poultry Farms

- Fresno, Ca

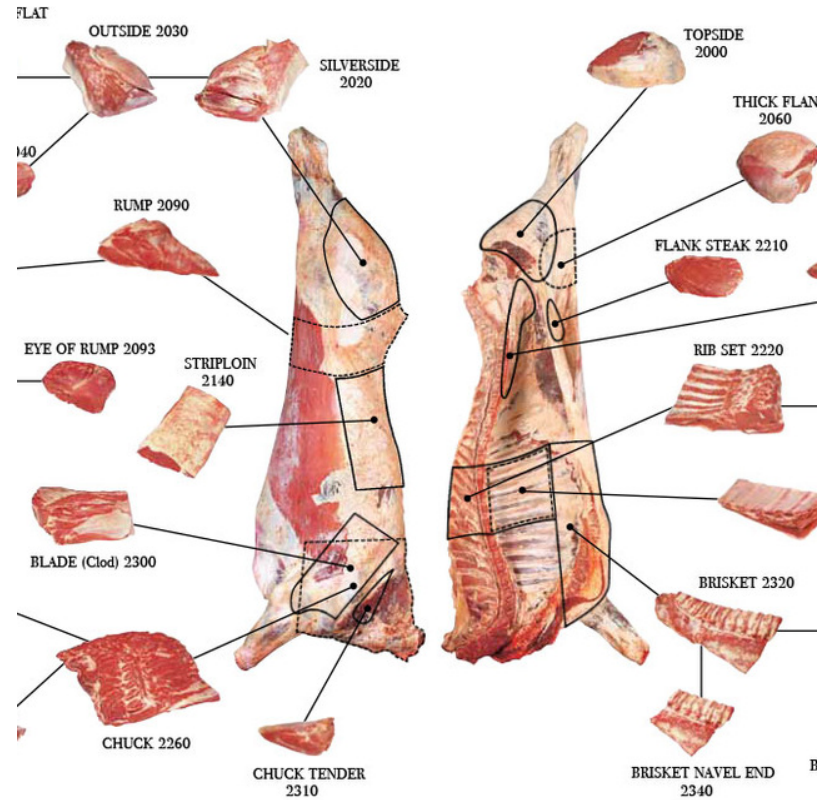
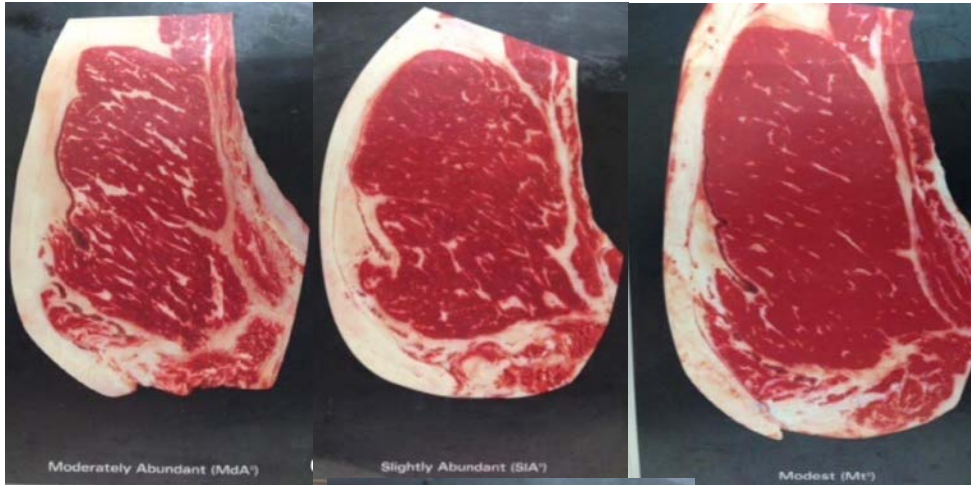
- Shadowed a USDA Grader
- Graded USDA Grade A poultry products
 - These meat products went to many businesses across the Western states of the U.S.
- Worked 4 weeks out of the 8 weeks
- Tested by weekly
- Experienced how to go about grading and what needs to be done if not done right.

Harris Ranch Beef

- Selma, Ca

- Shadowed a USDA beef grader
- 2-year old angus beef
 - Prime meat products
 - Marbling
 - 5 Star stamped

Marbling of the Prime Ribs



Stamping the approved USDA certified carcass and ready to be processed



Central Valley Meat - Hanford, Ca

- Shadowed a USDA inspector
- Dealt with Dairy cows
 - Ground beef of Grade 1-3
 - Ossification in the backbone is more deranged
 - Marbling is not high
 - Fat content decreased
 - Over all meat is not used for a high grade produce

Summer 2017 Internship

- **Worked with;**
 - **Animal Care Welfare**
 - **U.S. Department of Agriculture**
- **Took place in Fort Collins, Colorado**
- **8 week paid internship**
- **Worked at the USDA Building B, under the Animal Care department.**

Opportunities while working at the USDA building head quarters

- **Tours**

- Foothills Wildlife Research Facility
- Denver International Airport
- National Laboratory for Genetic Resource Preservation
- “Meet and Greet” with the Colorado State Assistant Veterinarian

- **Peoples Garden**

- Give to the Food Bank

- **Ride-A-Long’s**

- Wildlife guy , Tom Haul
- Two USDA inspectors from Colorado, New Mexico & Arizona states.



Challenging & Exciting Personal Experience

- **Challenging**
 - Traveling alone
 - Area is unfamiliar
 - Finding your way around
- **Exciting**
 - Getting out of the office
 - Field work
 - Tours
 - Meeting other Native Americans in the USDA building
 - Being exposed to different animals

Would I recommend this internship?

- **Definitely YES!**
- **All paid for**
 - **Travel, room and board**
- **Basically free experience**
- **Do more networking between schools**
 - **Make connections**
 - **Make acquaintance's**
- **Get an idea of the career you've chosen**

Thank you!

- Any Questions????

