Kansas State Feedlot Management
Collegiate Boot Camp & Teaching Program

Opportunity exists for up to 20 undergraduate students to participate in an all-expenses-paid Kansas State Feedlot Management Collegiate Boot Camp to be held Monday, January 10 through Thursday, January 13, 2022 (this is the week before classes begin) in the Garden City, Kansas area.

The overarching goal of this Boot Camp and associated activities and opportunities is to:

*develop student’s knowledge, skills, and professional relationships in feedlot management in order to help meet critical need for trained professionals in the feedlot industry*

Specific objectives include to:

- Train students in aspects of feedlot management through a 4-day hands-on comprehensive “Boot Camp” at western Kansas participating feedlots (Jan. 10-13, 2022)
- Enhance student’s likelihood of participating in a feedlot internship experiences
- Cultivate student’s vision of potential career paths within the beef cattle industry

The “Boot Camp” will include both classroom instruction and hands-on experiences at participating feedlots in the Garden City area including Reeve Cattle Company, Inc., Poky Feeders, and Finney County Feedyard. Transportation to Garden City, hotels, food, and educational materials will be provided. Students will be able to enroll in ASI 662 for either 0 or 1 credit hour for spring semester, 2022. “Boot Camp” content will include:

- Cattle health management
- Office operations
- Feed yard maintenance & waste management
- Low-stress cattle handling
- Nutrition management
- Feed mill operations

During and (or) following the Boot Camp there will be additional opportunity for students to:

- Network with feedlot industry partners, apply for, and be hired into a summer 2022 paid feedlot management internship (opportunity to earn credit through ASI 599)
- Participate in hands-on cattle processing experience during April, 2022
- Earn a $2500 scholarship to be applied to fall semester, 2022 (for those who complete the Boot Camp, cattle processing experience, and internship)

To apply, please email a resume and cover letter (in a single PDF document) describing your career goal(s) and how you anticipate the “Boot Camp” will be of benefit to you. Please visit with Dr. Karol Fike if you have questions about the program.

The application is due by November 15, 2021 and should be emailed to Dr. Karol Fike (karol@ksu.edu):

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