

“I am Passionate About”

My name is Madeline Christensen, and I live on a farm just outside of Lampman Saskatchewan. If someone were to ask me what I was most passionate about, I wouldn't have to think about it. The agriculture industry has made such a impact on my life, that for me, it's the only answer to that question. I know how much effort goes into making this industry thrive, and how much we rely on it, because I've been apart of it for 17 years. On our family farm, we have 150 head of commercial cattle and 5000 acres of grain land. My experience in agriculture has given me a better understanding of why the industry is so essential and why a career in agriculture is the right path for me. Living on the farm has instilled in me a passion for the agricultural industry and the livestock that keep it running. With this passion, I've decided to pursue a diploma in Animal Health Technology from Lakeland College in Vermilion, Alberta. This program will allow me to specialize in large animal internal medicine and work alongside the producers that keep us fed.

I've always wanted to work in the veterinary field, but when I learned that becoming a veterinarian would take seven years, I quickly decided that becoming a veterinary technician was the best path for me and would still allow me to pursue my passion. I've been able to obtain experience for my future career by volunteering at Stoughton Veterinary Services for the past two years and assisting with the care of both large and small animals. On the large animal side, this volunteer experience has given me the opportunity to assist with preg-checking, semen testing, and, my personal favourite, C-sections. I'm not afraid to get my hands dirty, and the staff at the clinic are always happy to show me the ropes of the vet tech job and explain the process of different procedures. I am really fortunate to have such wonderful mentors who have assisted me in realising my goal to dedicate my life to the health and well-being of our beloved animals both big and small.

Agriculture is a huge industry that is constantly changing. With change comes challenges that producers must overcome. My vision for the industry's future is for it to adapt to these challenges. Through innovation and new advancements within agriculture technology, farmers now have more access to technology that is constantly improving than ever before, and they can use it to better their operations. Additionally, education is more available than before, allowing our future producers to gain a deeper understanding of the sector and gain the knowledge they need to succeed. This industry is full of bright young minds that will endeavor to keep their operations running smoothly while facing the new obstacles that we all expect.

I'm looking forward to starting my career and assisting producers in keeping their herds healthy and ready and readily available for consumption. Although my future career isn't a high paying one, it is something I am extremely passionate about and know that I'll never truly work a day in my life. I believe I can make a difference in this field, and I am excited to see what kind of impact I can have on the industry.