



“I’m Passionate About”

I am passionate about the individuals, businesses, and animals encompassed in the agriculture industry. I know from working outdoors and with animals my entire life that it takes hard physical labour and dedication to be a rancher/farmer. The agricultural industry is what feeds the world, therefore being of large importance to our population. My family raises cattle for a living, and I have been in the process of starting my own herd. I believe raising animals teaches people responsibility and compassion for others. For me agriculture is a combination of human, animal, and environmental collaboration. My family is involved in a Holistic Management group that teaches methods to improve farming and decision making practises. It teaches us how to better plan for the future by having proactive practices as well as ways to develop more performance out of the soil, while simultaneously benefitting the environment. Our carbon footprint causes carbon levels diminish in the soil and results in rising amounts of carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere. Planned rotational grazing practises allow for plant recovery throughout the growing season. This grazing method helps to restore carbon in the soil at a much higher rate than conventional grazing and farming methods, leading to cleaner air and more water storage capabilities within the soil. I want to further my knowledge in this field so I can use agriculture as a way to help the world and its people.

I enjoy being in the presence of animals and spending my time outdoors. Throughout my life my family has owned a lamb, chickens, horses, dogs, cats, and cattle on our farm. Growing up in a rural area has made me realize that supplies and services are not always readily available. I have chosen to pursue a degree in Soil Science as my Pre-Veterinary course at the University of Saskatchewan. I want to become a veterinarian in a rural area so that I can help the farmers and animals in distress that may not have access to a clinic. I enjoy helping animals to heal and become rehabilitated back to their full potential. I will also be able to equip ranchers with the knowledge for prevention or treatment of illness/injury so they are able to provide better care for their animals. I also want to be able to promote new grazing techniques to ranchers and make people aware of the financial and environmental benefits from Holistic Management practises. My goal is to expand my knowledge so I can in turn help the agriculture industry continue to grow and prosper.

My vision for Saskatchewan’s future in agriculture is optimistic. With technology advancing rapidly, farmers have more access to important information and are able to communicate better with each other. Higher levels of education are also becoming more common, which is significant because it is a tool that can be used to help achieve success. Knowledge is power because it enables a person to make more informed decisions. I want to encourage building cooperative relationships between the farming and ranching enterprises. By sharing knowledge with each other, we can help to improve the efficiency of our methods, therefore decreasing our environmental footprint. With Saskatchewan having one of the highest areas of arable land, we have the potential to store massive amounts of carbon in the soil. Agriculture holds the key to sequestering carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. Therefore, we as farmers, are responsible for shaping future generations of agriculture and the world. I believe this will help lead us to an enriched, more sustainable future.