

## **“I am Passionate about Ag Scholarship” – Savannah Schaeffer**

It's difficult for me to fully explain why I am so passionate about agriculture, since it's been a huge part of my life since the day I was born. Agriculture comes in many forms but for me it was a mix of cattle and grain farming. This created many learning opportunities for me and that's where the passion started. Learning from my dad has played a huge role in the passions I have for agriculture. From as far back as I can remember I was sitting right beside him in the tractor, feeding the cows, seeding or checking crops.

One of my greatest passions I have in agriculture is animals. Since I was little I've always loved cows and horses and they've since become a huge part in my life. Owning my own cows has taught me many things. There are many risks involved with agriculture like diseases that could easily kill a small calf. Often diseases or illnesses can be prevented in cattle with the proper care. My dad has always taught me that it is very important to vaccinate our cattle to keep them healthy and alive which reduces the risk of them getting sick. My dream job in agriculture would be to be working with large animals. Helping them get their best nutrition and finding ways to keep them strong and healthy, while protecting the environment around them.

Animals have a way of providing comfort and love that is unlike anything else. Animals can be very gentle and are able to feel emotions just like us, which creates a special bond with humans. This is what truly inspires my passion for agriculture and makes me want to continue have it as a part of my life forever. Animals such as horses can relieve stress and give people more confidence in their life. Animals can cure people which gives them an important role in our society.

Agriculture is a huge part of our world and will continue to be forever. People depend on farmers like us to provide them with food and the basic necessities of life. This is another reason why I am so passionate about agriculture. Farmers feed the world and I want to be a part of that. I want to help grow the best possible crops with the best seed in the least destructive manner. The environment is a huge part of farming that sometimes gets forgotten. I hope in my career I can make a difference with this major issue by helping reduce the amount of chemicals needed without compromising the yield of crops.

It is truly hard for me to imagine my life away from our family farm, yet alone the elements of agriculture. Agriculture is deeply rooted in my life and the history of my family, which makes it a part of me forever. To say I'm passionate about agriculture would be an understatement. I can't wait to further my education in the agriculture field, to expand my knowledge and become even more involved with my greatest passion.