

Wheatland Accounting - Shae-Lynn Baran

I'm passionate about Ag scholarship-what makes you passionate about agriculture, what drives you to choose this industry for your future and your vision of the future of agriculture in this province:

Agriculture has always been a huge part of my life. I have always lived on a farm and wouldn't change that for the world. To be in the agriculture industry one has to be passionate about what one does each and every day, from sun rise to sun set. Being a part of Saskatchewan's agriculture industry is very important in ways such as helping to produce more food for our world we live in, also helping Saskatchewan grow more with technology and be recognized for all Saskatchewan exports to markets around the world.

I wake up in the morning, always eager for what the day will bring. No two days are ever the same. You can try to have a general plan of what you will try to accomplish but it may not always happen that way. Agriculture goes on 365 days a year and never stops. Plants keep growing in the field; cattle are active at all hours of the day. Growing up on a grain and cattle farm has made me passionate about what I do each and every day. I like being involved and helping with all things around the farm from fixing fence to delivering the fuel, knowing that all little jobs help out on our family farm. I have always loved being outside with the cows and doing chores with the cattle. Being a part of seeding and harvest and everything that goes along with it is also something I have a passion for.

When people ask me what I'm doing next year, I always tell them I'm going into agriculture. I'm proud to continue the love of agriculture through another generation of my family. I see so many different opportunities, so many options in areas in agriculture which are becoming more and more important. I have chosen the agriculture industry because I see a need for more food production as the world evolves. At a time when fewer people are becoming producers. Next year when I further my education in either animal science or agronomy, I will be working toward to helping that need and demand. I have been involved in agriculture since I was born, and I enjoy being a part of the selections we have to make to be able to produce the most with what we have, from choosing the right seed and fertilizers to choosing the right chemicals. I chose agriculture because I know my future is bright, with truckloads of potential and agriculture has no end in sight.

Saskatchewan is the number one producer of pulse crops in the world. Saskatchewan grows 99 % of Canada's chick peas, 96 % of lentils, 86 % of durum wheat, 83 % flaxseed and 60 % of Canada's dry peas. Saskatchewan produced more than one quarter of the world's mustard export in 2014. Saskatchewan is home to one third of Canada's beef cows as well. Those are just a few statistics that Saskatchewan producers should be proud of. I see this province becoming bigger than ever with expanding technology, creating bigger and better ways of producing. For example Saskatchewan is leading the development of a new oilseed crop, camelina, a healthy cooking oil which can be also used in fish, broiler chicken feed and also bio-lubricants and jet fuel. Saskatchewan's future in agriculture is massive and endless and will continue to grow in all sorts of ways, and I want to be a part of it!

The results of agriculture are everywhere. I am passionate about agriculture and motivated to help producers in any way I can. Which, in turn, will help Saskatchewan continue to grow more than ever in the future.

Thank you for your time,

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