

“I’m Passionate About Ag”

My name is Gabriella Vecchio, and I am a grade twelve student attending Bjorkdale School. Agriculture has always been an industry I am passionate about, as it has been a huge part of my life since I was young. I have been raised on a farm near Bjorkdale, Saskatchewan that has been in our family for over 100 years. My grandfather, at the age of eighty, is still actively farming, and I have seen, firsthand, how important our farm has been to multiple generations of our family.

Ever since I was a child, I have absolutely adored animals of all kinds, from domestic animals to livestock. My family’s farm is predominantly a grain farm, but we raise laying hens and rabbits in addition to our family pets. I have also spent many years riding horses and am currently a volunteer at a local veterinary clinic. My love of animals has led to a desire to work with them in a professional capacity. I have been accepted into the College of Agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan. I will be pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, majoring in animal science in the fall. My ultimate goal is to transition into veterinary medicine. Ideally, I hope to one day open my own clinic in rural Saskatchewan and be a mixed practice veterinarian, treating both domestic animals and livestock. I would love to have a mobile component to my practice, so that I can tend to animals on location.

Another aspect of animal husbandry that I have an interest in, is feed and nutrition. I feel that in the future, livestock nutrition will be more important than ever before. The world’s population continues to rapidly expand and farmers are tasked with feeding over 8 billion people with less arable land available. In the years to come, I feel that precision feeding will become even more important, as farms strive to feed their animals in a sustainable way that ensures livestock are receiving optimal nutrition while producing less food waste. I hope to learn more about feed and livestock management in the future through its connection to my educational goals, but also to ensure that I, personally, offer my own livestock the healthiest of diets and care.

Agriculture is one of the most important industries in the world and has seen a lot of advancements in technology, research, and the overall understanding of crop and animal science. The evolution of agriculture will continue to be of great importance in the years to come as we address new concerns and issues. I am excited to start my education in the College of Agriculture and hope to be an active contributor to the agriculture sector for years to come.