




# Dakota Lakes Research Farm

Pierre, South Dakota

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|  | <b>MESA Notes - Public</b>             |   |
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## About the Placement:

### Detailed Placement Description

The Dakota Lakes Research Farm is a facility owned by a not-for-profit corporation created and operated by South Dakota farmers. It works closely with South Dakota State University to develop farming systems that are diverse and environmentally responsible. This provides a unique opportunity to work at every level of the system from basic research to commercial operations. Dakota Lakes is internationally recognized as a leader in the development of no-till farming systems for arid and semi-arid regions as well as for irrigated applications.

### Primary Production :

[Grain, Cattle](#)



## About the Internship

### Training Hours:

30 to 40 hours/week

### Training Expectations :

The schedule would vary with the activities. It would roughly entail a 5 day week. Overall supervision will be provided by Dr. Beck. The steward would spend time with commercial farmers, implement dealers, and at the Dakota Lakes Research Farm.

### On-Site Training, Steward's primary activities :

The Steward will participate in most activities common for the area and time of year. This includes machine maintenance, harvesting activity, soil sampling, and data analysis.

### Climate and Location Description

Central SD is very rural. October and early November weather is pleasant. Late November and December can be cold. Appropriate clothing will be provided.

### Compensation :

\$600/month, This could be a combination of lodging at an extended stay hotel and hosting by individual families, A standard per diem food allowance will be provided

### Accommodations and amenities provided :

In addition to those listed previously access to computers and high-speed internet will be available most places.



**Preferred start date :**

October 1

**Preferred length of internship :**

eight to 10 weeks

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