



UT - Mountain Crest
Mountain Crest FFA Member
SAE Agreement - Sportsman's Paradise Trout Farm

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SAE Information

Name:	Sportsman's Paradise Trout Farm
SAE Type:	Placement
AFNR Pathway:	Animal Systems
SAE Subcategory:	Specialty Animal

SAE Plan - Sportsman's Paradise Trout Farm

I work for Sportsman's Paradise located in Paradise, Utah. Sportsman's Paradise is a trout farm and hunting ranch. On the farm we hatch and grow approximately 28,000 trout a year. My job title is an assistant to the general manager, who is my grandpa. My job responsibilities include: managing the incubators, monitoring and feeding the hatchlings, transferring growing fish to the outdoor fish runs, sizing and sorting fish for processing, and general farm maintenance.

I was lucky to be chosen to work in my position because my grandpa is the owner of the farm. I have worked at Sportsman's Paradise since I was a child. I plan to continue working here after high school and college graduation. I am currently paid hourly and receive a paycheck on the first of each month. I started at minimum wage and can receive a raise each year depending on my improvement. The agricultural courses I have taken that relate to my SAE project are Biology and Animal Science.

During the summer months I work full time. I generally log 40-60 hours per week depending on the amount of work to be accomplished. During the school year I work around 20 hours per week and balance my work time with school and FFA duties. In the winter time I spend the bulk of my time feeding the fish and monitoring the water flow through the fish runs. In the summer time, most of my time is spent in the hatchery monitoring incubators and the newly hatched fish runs.

My primary supervisor is my grandfather and the owner/operator of Sportman's Paradise. He has been my primary teacher to help me gain important skills on the farm. I am also supervised through SAE visits from my FFA Advisors. They help me keep accurate records of my SAE and set improvement goals to better qualify me to earn a proficiency award.

At the completion of my high school experience, I hope to achieve 3 main goals. I want to learn to recognize, monitor, and treat illness in trout and increase my problem solving skills on the farm. I would like to be able to be the primary person responsible for managing the water quality and oxygen levels in the fish runs. My final long term goal is to eventually become a part owner of the farm.

I would like to earn a bachelor's degree in an agricultural related field and continue working in the aquaculture industry and build on the foundation I have started in my SAE.

Signatures

Student

Date

Parent / Guardian

Date

Ag Science Teacher

Date

Supervisor / Employer

Date