

Farm Credit Services of America

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After becoming interested in appraisal from the appraisal class offered at Iowa State, I accepted an internship with Farm Credit Services of America as their Appraisal Intern. The Farm Credit Services of America internship is designed to allow interns to learn the whole process of agricultural lending along with specializing in their specific field. Beginning the process learning about prospecting new clients, I learned how to meet customers' financial and operation specific needs, analyze their credit, decide what type of loan would work best for them, order the appraisal, and then maintain the loan. In the appraisal department, I learned the appraisal methodology and process and became well versed in legal descriptions for farmland. Becoming a rural appraiser is also a lengthy process. After receiving a bachelor's degree, one needs 3,000 hours of work experience, 300 hours of continued education, and to pass a state exam. I enjoyed my experience and my future plans include becoming a certified rural appraiser. I have accepted a job with Hertz Farm Management and will work towards certification there upon graduation in May.