

## MaxYield Cooperative

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While my family has done business with MaxYield for years, I have seen a whole new side of the cooperative, thanks to her internship in West Bend. I didn't realize just how many divisions MaxYield has. Since I'm a numbers person, I like the business side of the company.

Q: What inspired you to study agriculture in college?

A: I grew up around agriculture and have always enjoyed math. It made sense for me to major in ag business at ISU, where I'll be a sophomore this fall. I also like how agriculture is so diverse. We'll always need agriculture to feed people, so there will always be career opportunities.

Q: What have you enjoyed about your MaxYield accounting/finance internship?

A: I'm learning a lot, plus I get to work with many different people and like the variety in my work. Each morning I make sure the hedges balance, cancel some price-laters, and handle some truck settlements. During the day I help with other accounting work and have billed three-quarters of a million dollars at a time. I also help with grain settlements, work with grain contracts, call farmers when their contract hits the trigger, and work with the Enogen® corn program, which is separate from the other grain accounting work. This is a prestigious internship, because you're treated like a MaxYield team member and are responsible for important work. You also get a lot of different learning experiences, including tours to MaxYield locations to learn about various aspects of the cooperative and a trip to the soil sampling lab that MaxYield uses. I didn't realize MaxYield's business is so diverse.

Q: How have you benefited by having Rick Abrahamson as your mentor at MaxYield?

A: Rick worked with me my entire first day to help me learn MaxYield's accounting system and show me how to do the settlements. Rick is fun and really easy to work with, plus he explains things and answers my questions as I go along.

Q: What are your career goals after graduation?

A: Before I graduate I'm thinking about getting my agricultural business degree. Since I like to work with numbers, I might like to work as a grain merchandiser or loan officer. I'll see where my career opportunities take me.