

## NEW Cooperative

Reed Burres  
Agricultural Business  
Freshman  
2015 Operations Intern



During my internship with NEW Cooperative I was able to work out of both the Bode and Clare locations. Coming from a family farming operation was extremely helpful, however, by no means did I know it all. Coming into my internship I had little knowledge about common chemical products that many farming operations routinely work with. During my time at Bode I was able to learn a fair amount about; how to apply a seed coat to soybeans, how to run the weight scale, how to mix grain to the optimum moisture as well as how elevator legs work. As my time at the Bode location ended my time to begin at the Clare location came quickly and I found NEW Cooperative challenging myself once again,

but rather in very different ways. While at the Clare location I was able to become much more familiar with a very large array of different chemicals, especially their purposes and their rates. I was able to focus in on much more than the just operations side as I was able to attend various Dekalb University as well as Winfield Answer Plot days. The knowledge that I was able to take away from those days in particular were extremely valuable to me as I was able to better connect the dots. Meaning I was able to understand why we might apply a certain surfactant to a corn plant at a certain stage rather than at a different stage. Lastly, I was able to spend my final week of my internship with NEW Cooperative at their main office in Fort Dodge. During my time there I was able to learn about their logistical strategies and how important it is to stay current and up to date while managing the grain markets. Overall, I learned a very large amount of information in a very short summer. I am extremely glad that I had such a great opportunity to intern with NEW Cooperative and would do it again in a heartbeat.