

When I am asked why I am passionate about agriculture I often find it difficult to explain. Agriculture has been a significant part of my life as I grew up on a mixed farm operation. My experiences on the farm are valuable because I had the opportunity to discover what agriculture was really about firsthand. I had the opportunity to learn about agriculture from the most important people in my life, my family. I believe that my home roots play an important role in my passion to become more involved in the agriculture industry.

Growing up on a farm where I could work alongside my family has meant a lot to me. The lessons learned and the memories we shared as a family are priceless. I hope to keep farming with my family once I finish my Animal Science degree in university. My older sister is currently working on her Crop Science degree and our plan is to farm together in the future. She will have the knowledge we require to seed and harvest our crops and I will be able to manage the livestock. Fortunately, both our parents have mixed farm operations so we can seek guidance from them as needed. I think my parents have already given me the best advice ever to pick a career that I love so that I will never have to work a day in my life. I truly believe that if I chase my dream to own and operate a farm with my sister than I will be more than content.

I love all aspects of a mixed farm operation. Every season of the year I enjoy participating in farming activities such as seeding, harvest, calving and winter feeding. I take a particular interest in the livestock industry because I enjoy the pleasure of working with animals. However, I know that I will also have to be involved with the crop industry as producing grains will be important to our future herd's feeding program.

Another major reason I am intrigued by agriculture is because I understand the important role it plays in our world. Without agriculture we would not be able to feed our overgrowing population. The agriculture industry is constantly adapting and developing new technology and science in order to maintain our populations' needs. I realize that this development will further expand the future of agriculture. Saskatchewan is one of the Prairie Provinces that act as the "bread basket" for the world by producing grains. Other provinces and countries that depend on our agricultural success is not only limited to the crops. The livestock industry contributes to our market as well. At the moment the livestock industry is booming and with the research and technology to maintain herd health it should remain in good standing in future years.

The career opportunities created in the agriculture industry are endless. It just feels awesome to be part of agriculture right now. I know that after I finish my degree I should not encounter many barriers for my career. What is even better is that I can become an entrepreneur who runs her own farm operation. I am excited to take on the responsibilities of operating a mixed farm with my sister.

For as long as I can remember I have wanted to become an actual farmer not just a farmer's daughter. My home roots, love for farming activities and entrepreneurial passion fuel my dream in agriculture. There is no doubt in my mind that I will pursue a career somewhere within the agriculture industries' boundaries.