

**An interview with ANSC Major Stacia Prosser**  
**regarding her UConn Kellogg Dairy Center Internship**  
*(Connecticut, Summer 2013)*

**Q: Where did you intern, and when?**

I interned at our very own Kellogg Dairy Center (KDC) and Livestock Unit during the summer of 2013.

**Q: Was it a paid internship? What did you do there?**

For this paid internship, I was accepted as a Farm Management Trainee and worked with sheep and dairy and beef cattle. At the dairy barn, I learned how to milk in the parlor and recognize clinical signs, assisted cows with their deliveries, helped with newborn calf care, and performed health management tasks such as dehorning and administering de-worming medications and magnets as well as subcutaneous, intravenous, and intramuscular vaccines. At the livestock unit, I would check the cattle on pasture, but mostly worked with sheep by rotating them through pastures, trimming hooves and shearing. That said, there is a lot of cleaning and disinfecting of box stalls and hutches involved, but when working with animals that should be expected.



**Q: When did you apply for this internship?**

I applied for this internship in February of 2013.

**Q: How long did the internship last?**

The internship itself lasted for 10 weeks throughout the summer, but I was hired to work part-time at the KDC at the start of the fall semester and now work part-time at both the KDC and Livestock Unit.

**Q: How did you learn about this opportunity?**

Dr. Darre informed me of this opportunity.

**Q: Anything else you'd like to add about your experience?**

This was an incredible experience and I learned a great deal in a short period of time. Mary Margaret has a wealth of knowledge, is great at explaining why and how we do certain things, and furthermore is not afraid of letting her students get involved. I spent one afternoon assisting a veterinarian on a displaced abomasum surgery, which was really exciting!

**Q: What is your area of interest as an ANSC major?**

I am interested in bovine reproductive physiology.

**Q: So, what are your plans when you graduate?**

I am going on to pursue an MS in Animal Science, concentrating in reproductive physiology. I intend to contribute to the ever-changing world of animal agriculture by advancing the conservation of natural resources through research in reproductive biology.

**Q: If someone has questions, can they contact you regarding your internship experience?**

Absolutely! My email is [stacia.prosser@uconn.edu](mailto:stacia.prosser@uconn.edu).