



To: Interested Internship Applicants

From: Robert Young, Chief Economist

Date: December 4, 2007

Re: American Farm Bureau Federation's Summer Internship

The American Farm Bureau Federation is seeking one student for a 2008 summer internship with the Economic Analysis Team in its Washington, DC office. Interested applicants should have completed at least their sophomore year of undergraduate coursework, with a major in agricultural economics or a related field. The selected intern will be assigned to projects overseen by the Intern Coordinator, pertaining to timely topics important agriculture and the rural economy. As such, applicants should specify their areas of interest and how their background provides them the proper knowledge and abilities to excel in this internship. The following is a short description of the issues that are commonly handled by our economists:

**Domestic Policy** – The AFBF Domestic Policy Economist is responsible for the analysis of a number of issues such as the farm bill, budget reconciliation, labor, taxes and social security. The intern could expect to be involved in projects concerning the aforementioned subjects, as well as other federal policies that affect our members on the domestic front.

**Trade Policy** – The AFBF Trade Economist is responsible for conducting research and analysis on all international and trade issues of interest to American farmers and ranchers. The intern could expect to do projects ranging from impact analysis of bilateral, regional or global free trade agreements, country reports on perspective agricultural trade partners or data collection on global trade statistics.

**Livestock Policy** – The AFBF Livestock Economist conducts research and analysis on diverse issues such as animal welfare, animal identification, industry concentration and organization, and feed price impacts of increased ethanol production. The intern could expect to be involved in projects dealing with the aforementioned subjects and other relevant issues as they arise.

Interns will receive a stipend equal to \$15 per hour, based on a 7.5 hour day, for work days included in the dates of the internship. The start and end dates of the internship are flexible, but the interns will be expected to work a minimum of 8-10 weeks. Housing will not be provided by AFBF, but staff will be happy to assist with the search and provide some housing recommendations.

The deadline for application is February 8, 2008. Interns will be notified of their selection no later than February 29, 2008. Applicants should mail, e-mail or fax a cover letter, resume and two letters of recommendation to:

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If you have any questions regarding this position, please feel free to contact Stephanie directly. We look forward to receiving your applications.