

25 – Avian Health

This internship provides the student opportunities to work with professionals with whom they will partner in their professional lives (veterinarians outside of the private practice realm, county extension agents, brand inspectors, emergency managers and ranchers) as well as participate in community based research efforts. Below is a description of the internship:

Mentors: Dr. Ragan Adams (Clinical Science), Dr Kristy Pabilonia (VDL), Heather Reider (Lead of Avian Health Team), and other extension personnel.

Backyard Poultry: 1 student

- Student's primary assignment will be with the CSU Avian Health Team part of the Colorado Avian Health Program, a cooperative effort of CSU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, Colorado Department of Agriculture and USDA. Between 2004 and 2018 the team sampled over 90,000 birds at fairs and on farms to survey for important avian infectious diseases, performed necropsies from over 100 different flocks and maintains data and surveillance on over 3,000 Colorado backyard flocks. The student gains experience handling many kinds of poultry, seeing multiple types of production operations and answering questions on poultry health and husbandry from the general public. Data collected in 2019 for this program will be presented at the poster session for the annual Extension forum.
- Participate in Farmer's Markets across the Front Range to learn about food safety issues in the Farm to Table space and processing challenges that small flock poultry producers face.
- Work with food safety experts, state regulators, and/or agricultural economists on poultry issues.