**Abby R. Leschinger**

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Summary of Qualifications

Committed and motivated Virginia Tech Agricultural Technology student in the Applied Agricultural Management option. A strong communicator and team player who works hard to get the job done. Determined employee who is eager to learn and apply skills to the job. Listens well and takes directions from others while good at clarifying before starting projects. Extensive background in customer interactions. Strong background in Microsoft Word and Excel.

Education

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), Blacksburg, VA

Associate of Agriculture / College of Agriculture and Life Sciences • Projected Graduation: May 2020

**Major: Agricultural Technology, Applied Agricultural Management Option**

*Scope of Curriculum:*

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| * Meat Processing & Fabrications | * Feeds & Feeding | * Forages & Forage Systems |
| * Livestock Reproduction | * Soil & Nutrients Mgmt. | * Beef & Sheep Mgmt. |
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Employment experience

**Savage Mountain Farm** –Meyersdale, PA **Summer of 2019**

***Farm Hand on 130 Acre Organic Farm***

* Grinded feed for pigs, broilers, layers, and turkeys
* Processed meat rabbits, ducks, and broilers
* Seeded, transplanted, weeded, and tended daily to the produce
* Inoculated mushrooms, picked mushrooms daily, stacked and soaked mushroom logs accordingly
* Harvested, washed, and packed produce for farmers markets
* Tended to morning and afternoon farm chores every day
* Packed for markets, set up our tent, sold farm produce and meat, handled the market money, and reported back to the farm owners after each market I oversaw
* Helped neighboring farmers stack hay
* Helped castrate calves out in the field
* Any other tasks assigned to me on the farm

**Independence Homestead –** Leesburg, VA  **Summer 2017**

***Farm Intern on a Small Homestead***

* Milked goats by hand and by machine and cleaned milking equipment
* Health-checked, weighed, and trimmed hooves of the goats weekly or as needed
* Bred, palpated, weighed and processed meat rabbits
* Assisted in castrating piglets and giving antibiotic shots to sick piglets
* Repaired and maintained electric fencing around 11 acres, and tested voltage of fence
* Collected eggs, washed, prepared for weekly deliveries, and delivered into town
* Cleaned pens and hoop-houses weekly or as needed, replaced straw or bedding, and set new fly traps
* Fed and watered all farm animals, moved rabbit tractors, morning and night check ins
* Spread pelletized lime and seed for 11 acres, measured and used weed killer

Volunteer Work and Clubs

* Volunteered working on a kill floor at Virginia Tech
* Worked at the Hokie Harvest Cattle Sale

Achievements and Awards

* Received a farm research scholarship on cattle nutrition with grazing while attending Virginia Tech.