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7 years' experience

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Experience

I attended the University of Connecticut for both my bachelor's degree in Animal Science and for my master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction. I have worked on my husband's family farm for eight years. Recently, I have begun a new sheep breeding enterprise and I make soap as well.

Hobbies

Gardening, horseback riding, painting, hiking and reading.

What do you love most about being an ag teacher?

Every day is different, the students are funny and keep me on my toes and give me a reason to smile, despite what else may be going on!

What is your biggest challenge as an ag teacher?

There are too many things that I want to do and become involved in. But, I am learning to be able to prioritize and say NO!

What have you learned thus far in your teaching career that you wish you would have known when you first began teaching?

It is OK to say no, and please don't join everything at the beginning! You will need to learn how to prioritize and take time for yourself.

What personal qualities or abilities do you think are important to being successful in this position?

Organization, planning ahead and being able to be flexible. Being able to build relationships with the students in your classroom becomes more important every day!

What does a typical day look like to you?

Every day is different and that is the beauty of this career. But overall, I am not a morning person so I get here about 10 minutes before classes start, and start teaching immediately. The middle of the day is administrative, SAE work and I teach again at the end of the day. I have a more unique schedule than most teachers. Most days I have students after school for one reason or another, 4-H, CDE, Officers, staff meetings, etc. I rarely leave before 6 pm; and am at school later than that often. It is something I am working to fix.