

# Nicholas John Achen

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## Education

**Expected Graduation Date: May 2021**

University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

Bachelor of Science **Agricultural Education**, Bachelor of Science **Animal Science** emphasis: **Industry and Business**

## Agriculture and Animal Experience

### **Farm Labor-Summer Internship**

**May 2018 -September 2018**

Lakin Feed Lot

(Lakin, KS)

- Assisted with calving of 1,500 heifers and cows, carried out maternity duties, and maintained a DOA less than 1%
- Facilitated daily calf care as a 15-member team: bedding, health checks, and bottle feeding of 900 calves

### **Show String Manager and Marketer**

**April 2015-June 2018**

Achen Cattle Company

(Warner, SD)

- Presented several show animals at shows and sales on the regional, state, and national level
- Organized daily washing, leading, feeding, vaccinating, health checks, breeding schedule, picturing, and clipping
- Consigned to elite sales and sold the second-highest seller on the Southern National Brown Swiss Sale

### **4-H Extension Full Time Intern**

**May 2017-September 2017**

Brown County

(Aberdeen, SD)

- Conducted workshops for the over 300 4-H youth between ages 8-18
- Directed livestock shows, static exhibits, and co-chaired county horse show

### **Western Plains Veterinary Clinic Part-Time Intern**

**January 2017- May 2017**

- Assisted Dr. Stormie McClurg with spays, neutered, c-sections, semen collecting, and daily check-ups
- Learned how to check in packages, clinics, room the patients, and how to draw up medications

## Leadership in Agriculture

### **University of Minnesota**

**August 2018-Present**

- Gopher Dairy Club
  - Collegiate Dairy Judging Member
  - Co-Chair on the clothing committee
  - Participated in the Gopher Dairy Bar at State Fair and reason taker at regional FFA judging contest
- University of Minnesota Alpha Gamma Lambda Member
- University of Minnesota Agriculture Education Club
  - Participated in with students on National Teach Agriculture Day teaching the surrounding elementary schools about agriculture.

### **National Junior Milking Shorthorn Society**

**June 2013-Present**

- National Junior President
- Preside over national meetings
- Past National Junior Treasurer (2015-2017) and National Junior Reporter (2013-2015)

### **Kansas State University**

**August 2017- July 2018**

- College of Agriculture Training Program
  - Collaborated with professors through interviews and workshops practices to better educate myself in different fourteen agriculture fields.
  - Shadowed professionals in the Manhattan, Kansas area through workshops, plant-tours, and presentations
- St. Isadore retreat group
  - Networked with other universities to help assist in putting on Catholic Confirmation retreats for students in the state of Kansas

## Awards and Honors

Kansas State University Dairy Science Club Outstanding Freshman Award (2018)

National Dairy Farmers of America Scholarship Recipient (2018)