

Erica Sawatzke

Objective: To obtain a government appointee position on the Board of Animal Health

Professional Experience

Oakdale Farms, Inc.

April 2017 – present

Farm Owner/Manager

Kensington, MN

- Develop effective farm staff through initial training and daily support
- Operate 16,000+ turkey operation through turkey management and facilities management
- Manage and collect routine National Poultry Improvement Plan laboratory samples

Minnesota Turkey Growers Association

August 2013 - March 2017

Ag Program Specialist & Membership Coordinator

Buffalo, MN

- Alert members of disease threats in coordination with the MN State Poultry Testing Laboratory
- Coordinate promotional activities on behalf of the turkey industry
- Update members through weekly information articles

NDSU Veterinary Diagnostic Services

June 2008 – March 2012

Laboratory Assistant

Fargo, ND

- Prepped cases for diagnostic testing
- Maintained daily records to comply with quality control regulations
- Created and revised standard operating procedures to comply with regulations

Education

North Dakota State University

2012

Bachelor of Science: Animal Science

Fargo, ND

Associations

Minnesota Turkey Growers Association

Minnesota Ag in the Classroom Board Director, Vice Chair

References

Steve Olson – (651) 270-3439

John Zimmerman – (952) 807-6886

Dr. Ken Greiner – (218) 849-2451

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EXPERIENCE

Oakdale Farm — Farmer Owner

April 2017 - PRESENT

Raise turkeys from 1 day old to 12 weeks, manage farm biosecurity plan, manage feed, coordinate loadouts, conduct on-farm necropsies to help identify poultry illnesses.

MN Turkey Growers Association — Ag Program Specialist & Membership Coordinator

August 2013 - March 2017

Promoted turkey industry at various public events and school functions, organized Poultry Day at the Capitol, managed association membership, provided membership with industry education & updates.

NDSU Vet Diagnostic Services — Lab Assistant

June 2008 - March 2012

Prepped cases for diagnostic testing, maintained daily records for quality control regulations, writing and updating Standard Operating Procedures.

EDUCATION

North Dakota State University

2012

Bachelor of Science: Animal Science

REFERENCES

John Peterson, Ferndale Market - Cannon Falls, MN (605)321-6789

John Zimmerman, P & J Products - Northfield, MN (952) 807-6886

Karin Schaefer, MN Farm Bureau - Eagan, MN (651) 353-2459

SKILLS

Attention to detail
Communication
Critical thinking
Problem solving

AWARDS

2021 MN FarmFest Woman
Farmer of the Year Top 5
Recipient

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