

MACKENZIE MALSON

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Education

Kansas State University | Manhattan, Kansas

August 2026 - May 2028

Master of Science in Agricultural Economics

Kansas State University | Manhattan, Kansas

August 2023 - May 2026

Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics, Magna cum laude

Majors: Agricultural Economics and Global Food Systems Leadership

Minors: International Agriculture and Communications & Education for Agriculture

University of Idaho | Moscow, Idaho

August 2022 - May 2023

Major: Agricultural Economics

Work Experience

Kansas State University, College of Agriculture, Department of Agricultural Economics

Graduate Research Assistant

August 2026 - May 2028

National Beef Packing Company, LLC

Strategy Intern

May 2026 - July 2026

- Developed five wholesale beef demand indices based on beef quality grade using Excel and R programming
- Maintained weekly updated internal spreadsheets using ten sources of USDA and macroeconomic data for projects
- Engaged in-person with the beef processing and by-product supply chain, from the feedlot to retail-ready product

Kansas State University, College of Agriculture, Department of Agricultural Economics

Undergraduate Research Assistant

January 2025 - May 2026

- Cleaned USDA data sets related to pork primal/subprimal prices to create accurate and meaningful graphs
- Created pivot tables to best utilize pork primal/subprimal price data for user readability and efficiency
- Collaborated with the research team to coordinate tasks and critical, timely next steps for research projects

University of Idaho, Research and Extension Experiences for Undergraduates (REEU)

Ag Biz Summer Fellow

May 2025 - July 2025

- Created a research blog on Whole Farm Revenue Protection (WFRP) and its relevance to Idaho producers
- Identified risks and opportunities in the lean hog futures market with fundamental and technical analysis
- Collaborated with fellow interns, mentors and industry professionals through agricultural trade focused industry tours

Kansas Farm Bureau

Training and Development Intern

August 2024 - May 2025

- Wrote weekly Ag Bites column for County Connections Newsletter featuring an agriculture-related lesson
- Assisted with outreach and educational events such as the Kansas State Fair and Kansas State University's College of Agriculture Celebrate Agriculture Day Tailgate

Rabo AgriFinance

Financial Analyst Intern

June 2024 - August 2024

- Worked as part of an organization CRT team to provide quality customer service from start to finish
- Spread financial statements, analyzed financial ratios, and prepared credit memos based on customers' needs and risk rating
- Researched and analyzed current trends in the market for specific commodities to determine current industry status

Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom

Communications Intern

August 2023 - May 2024

- Advocated for agriculture to K-12 students through in-person interactions and virtual content

- Administered a computer contact database with more than 7,000 teacher, administrator, and donor contacts
- Assembled more than 2,000 educational kits on four agricultural topics to be distributed to classrooms statewide

Idaho FFA Association

Idaho FFA State Treasurer

April 2022 - April 2023

- Crafted 10 different workshops about agriculture and leadership for 7-12th grade students
- Traveled around the state, engaging with members and chapters to facilitate workshops for 12 months
- Planned and hosted the statewide convention, delivered speeches, and collaborated with organization sponsors

Leadership and Involvement

Kansas State University

- Graduate Students of Agricultural Economics
- Interdisciplinary Beef Graduate Student Cohort
- Sigma Alpha Professional Agricultural Sorority
 - 2024 Scholarship Committee Chair
 - 2025 Secretary
- College of Agriculture Ambassadors
 - 2024-2025 Director of Points
 - 2025-2026 VP of Development
- Department of Agricultural Economics Ambassadors
- Kansas State Agriculturist Magazine
 - Spring 2026 Leadership Team Assistant Advertising Manager
- Risk Management Center Student Fellows
- Department of Communications and Agricultural Education
 - November 2024 Ireland Study Abroad Trip
- Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness Club
 - 2024-2025 Secretary
- Collegiate Farm Bureau

Kansas Farm Bureau

- 2025-2026 Collegiate Fellows Cohort

Agriculture Future of America (AFA)

- Leaders Conference, November 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
- Policy Institute, September 2025

Kansas Corn

- Class 7 Collegiate Academy

National FFA Organization

- International Leadership Seminar for State Officers
 - January 2023 Costa Rica Study Abroad Trip

Awards and Honors

Kansas State University

- Department of Agricultural Economics Outstanding Senior Award, Spring 2026
- College of Agriculture Semester Honors, Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025, Spring 2026
- Koch Risk Management Challenge Second Place Team, October 2025
- Gamma Sigma Delta Agriculture Honor Society Inductee, Fall 2024
- Sigma Alpha Professional Agricultural Sorority Sister of Scholarship, Spring 2024

American Royal Association

- Royal Scholar, 2025-2026

National FFA Organization

- American FFA Degree, November 2023