

# Taryn A. Cox

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*Personal Mission Statement: To leverage agricultural communications, research, and livestock industry experience to support evidence-based policy solutions that strengthen American agriculture, enhance biosecurity, and represent producer interests.*

## **Education**

**Kansas State University**, Manhattan, KS

Expected Graduation: December 2026

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

Major: Agricultural Economics

Specialty: Agricultural and Natural Resources Communication

## **Experience**

**Progressive Publishing**, Jerome, ID

May 2025 – August 2025

*Editorial Intern*

- Researched, interviewed, and authored feature articles, producer spotlights, and topical pieces on emerging issues in the cattle industry for *Progressive Cattle* and *Ag Proud – Idaho* magazines, websites, and e-newsletters.
- Collaborated with editorial staff to produce print and digital content, ensuring accuracy, readability, and alignment with publication standards.

**Kansas State University**, Manhattan, KS

April 2024 – Present

*National Agricultural Biosecurity Center – Undergraduate Researcher*

- Conduct research on agricultural biosecurity, identifying emerging threats and assessing industry risks.
- Analyze extensive datasets to identify patterns, trends, and cause-and-effect relationships.
- Synthesize complex data into clear, accessible reports and designed a monthly newsletter to communicate key insights to stakeholders.

**Kansas State University**, Manhattan, KS

February 2024 – December 2024

*Department of Agricultural Economics – Teaching Assistant*

- Provide tutoring assistance and evaluations to 20 students in introductory economics courses, fostering their understanding and academic success.

**Northwest Grain Growers, Inc**, Walla Walla, WA

June – August 2023 - 2024

- Operated multiple scale houses and grain elevators, ensuring accurate measurement and processing of grain.
- Monitored and managed computer systems to support operational efficiency and data integrity.

**Lazy F Livestock**, Walla Walla, WA

2017 – Present

- Assisted in managing purebred Red Angus and Charolais herds, ensuring herd health and productivity.
- Supported daily ranch operations, maintenance tasks, and overall efficiency.
- Managed social media presence and contributed to marketing efforts for heifers and 4-H steers to enhance sales and community engagement.

## **Leadership and Involvement**

**Women in Agriculture**

August 2024 – Present

*Kansas State University*

- Founded and launched *Women in Agriculture* student organization at Kansas State University to empower and connect women pursuing agricultural careers through professional development, networking, and leadership opportunities.
- Work with university faculty to ensure funding and leadership for an emerging club.

**College of Agriculture Student Senator**

November 2024 – March 2024

*Kansas State University*

- Represented the College of Agriculture in student government by attending weekly Senate meetings, voting on legislation, and advocating for student interests.

## **Western States Junior Red Angus Association**

November 2022 – November 2025

### *Social Chair*

- Organize youth events at livestock shows, collaborated with board members in monthly meetings, and designed social media content and online contest forms.

## **Junior Red Angus Association**

June 2021 - Present

### *Commercial Marketing Chair*

- Elected to the Board of Directors and appointed as Commercial Marketing Chair
- Assist in leading multiple youth leadership conferences with over 50 participants.
- Assist with creating new, innovative events for the Junior Red Angus Association that combines the commercial and purebred cattle industries.
- Connect with stakeholders to garner sponsorships and donations.

## **Continuing Education**

**Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course**, College Station, TX

August 2025

**Idaho Cattlemen's Summer RoundUp**, Burley, ID

June 2025

**Stimulating Propelling Red Angus Kids Conference**, Desdemona, TX

April 2025

**Guiding Outstanding Angus Leaders Conference**, Saskatoon, SASK

March 2025

**National Cattlemen's Beef Association CattleCon**, San Antonio, TX

February 2025

**Education Abroad**, Ireland

November 2024

**National Red Angus Convention**, Lincoln, NE; Loveland, CO

September 2024, 2025

**Elevate Conference**, Denver, CO

September 2023