



## IAS Interns Tour Kinze and Diamond V

MONTICELLO, IA – On July 11<sup>th</sup>, Innovative Ag interns were able to take an in depth look at two major players in the agricultural industry whose worldwide headquarters are based right here in Iowa! During our intern's industry tour day, we visited Kinze Manufacturing in Williamsburg, IA and Diamond V in Cedar Rapids, IA.

The day started off with the interns being inspired by the story of how a 21 year old farm boy from Victor, IA opened his own welding shop with a small bank loan and \$25 in his pocket. Who knew that this man, who was the same age as many of our interns, would soon turn that little welding shop into one of the largest privately held agricultural equipment manufacturers in North America! During the tour through the facility, we learned that Kinze was more than just an assembly facility. In fact, they make nearly all of their planter and grain cart components. The interns were impressed by what they saw while touring the facility and were excited to explore the Innovation Center which gave them a visual look of how the company and its products have transformed throughout the years.

After lunch, we visited Diamond V which is a global nutrition and health company that manufactures all-natural products to improve animal performance. While there, the interns were given a presentation on the unique way Diamond V's products are made and were also given a tour of the manufacturing facility. The interns were very impressed with the cleanliness of the facility and how automated the whole process was. They also learned that Diamond V has expanded its business to include human health which uses similar nutritional ingredients to those that are found in their animal feed.

The interns enjoyed the industry tours and are looking forward to the rest of their summer with Innovative Ag Services!

**Intern Participants:** Ben Ferris (Ackley/Cleves), Riley Harbaugh (Monticello), Brandon Lewin (Central City), Jacob Perkins (Independence/Winthrop), Molly Shanahan (Andrew/Farley), Bryan Rau (Manchester), Shawna Spain (Farley/Cuba City, WI), Luke Gosse (Independence), Tony Grubb (Hubbard), Trent Kuhn (Central City), Danica Lovrien (Cleves), Todd Manternach (Farley), Josh Soppe (Manchester) and Donnie Turpin (Platteville, WI)

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# 2013 Intern Industry Tour Day

