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Fields Provide Training Ground for Carrollton College Student *Lewis Hybrids Internship is All About Opportunity to Help Farmers*

URSA, IL – Chad Schnettgoecke was well prepared for the classroom when he returned to the University of Illinois College of Agriculture this fall. The technical systems management major from Carrollton spent his summer in the Lewis Hybrids' *One Field at a Time!* Intern Scouting Program, getting authentic, on-the-job career experience.

“I wanted to gain experience in the seed industry and this was real world experience. I was on my own. I had to learn to recognize different crop scenarios, diseases and pests,” says Schnettgoecke, who worked the previous summer for Monsanto in seed research. “I am already ahead in my classes because of the knowledge I gained. Farmers appreciated my advice, and in some instances, made decisions based on that advice.”

Lewis Hybrids created the intern scouting program as a free, value-added service in 2008 for those customers that were using the most elite cutting-edge seed technologies. Interns work with multiple Lewis Hybrids seed professionals, including sales agronomists, district sales managers, marketing managers and the company president among others.

“Interns get the opportunity to work with a family-managed regional company, Lewis [Hybrids], as well as the worldwide technology leader in the corn and soybean industry, Monsanto,” says Scott Lewis, president and brand manager of the company. “Students learn how to deal with farmer customers and dealers, hone their responsibility and organization skills and increase and improve their people and networking skills.”

Lewis says each intern was responsible for roughly 8-10,000 acres and 30-40 farmers during the summer, visiting each field two or three times in a season. Interns worked in Missouri, southeast Iowa and west central and central Illinois. All were trained by leading area agronomists to handle a wide variety of conditions before they began scouting fields. Interns reported and offered tips about what they found in the fields.

“Farmers really appreciate the personal attention, and the scouting program really demonstrates to farmers that Lewis cares about their business,” says Schnettgoecke. “Lewis made sure I learned everything I needed to know to do this job well. I also learned not to be afraid to ask questions, and that is what I would tell future interns.”

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Lewis will interview 2010 intern candidates on several college campuses during October and November. Students interested in the positions can contact Scott Lewis for more information. Lewis hopes to identify the new interns prior to the Christmas holiday.

Lewis Hybrids is a family-run seed company that has delivered seed solutions and service to northern Missouri, west central Illinois and southeastern Iowa farmers for three generations. Their corn, soybean and wheat seed solutions are backed by the year-round Lewis Service Promise. For more details about Lewis Hybrids, visit www.lewishybrids.com.

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