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*For my Mosmiller internship I went to Green Leaf nursery in Park Hill, Oklahoma. My internship began on May 31, 2011.*

*On the first week at Green Leaf Nursery I was assigned to the shipping department for a week. The first part of the shipping department I went to was the area that checks on the plants that goes on the docks for insects, disease, and pore quality looking plants. When we found some plants with these problems we tied a dark pink ribbon on it. The next area of the shipping department I worked with was the people that make sure that the plants get to the docks on time and make sure that the right amount of that variety of plants are present. When a customer decides to change their mind on a particular plant they tie yellow ribbon. When there is not enough of a particular type of the plant they tie light pink ribbon on it. The next area of the department that I went to was the pickers. They pick up the plants that ordered. They also pick up the ones that have the ribbons on them and they fix its' problem according to the color of the ribbon.*

*On the next two week I went to the pest and control department. Under this department are checkers that checks for insects and diseases on the plants in the fields. When they find problems with the plants they tip it in to a small computer that they carry with them. After the end of the day they dock their little computers to the computer in the offices. The next day the other area of this department gets this information. This area is called sprayers and they spray the plants. Also part of this department is the weeders. They are responsible for picking weeds out of the pots.*

*After the pest and control department I went to the clipping department for two weeks. The clipping department clips plants in to a desirable shape. At this department we clipped hollies, evergreens, and spruce into cone shape. We also managed other plants so they look presentable and grow right.*

*I went to the perennial department for one week. This department manages green house three. In the green house they start plugs from cutting out of plants on the fields and the ones in the green house. They also mange other plants out at other green houses on the fields.*

*The next department I went to was the propagation for two weeks. There we cut, cleaned and plant cutting. We cut select areas of the plants that would make roots. After trimming on the bottoms of the cuts, we would treat them with rooting hormones that they make. Once this is done they put them in long green houses to be planted.*

*The department after this one is the soils department for two weeks. At this department I was able to test the soil in the pots in different areas of the nursery for nutrition in their soils lab. Under this department there is the management area. In this area of the department job is to clip and mange spiral and ball hags.*

*The next department was the research for one week. In this department they test plants for sun tolerances, drought resistance and disease resistance. They also make new varieties of plants.*

*The last department is the tagging office. At the tagging office we made, sorted, and packaged tags to be put in pots out on the fields.*

*When my internship came to the end, I know that I have learned much here between growing and selling plants but also had the chance to improve my supervisor skills.*