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Week 6, Week in Review  
Winter

Hey y'all, Shani here. This was a trying week. I didn't do all I needed to do. My dog died, he was 15. While he wasn't my dog for his whole life, I knew him during his last venerable year. I was his care-taker and like to think I gave him comfort in a time when his body had degraded. It's been a long time since I've had a dog in my life, in my care. I really liked him. His last week, this last week, was very hard on him. We had to put him down, and I'll admit, it was uncondusive to my usual productivity. But it's over with and hopefully next week will be better. On the whole, I mainly read articles on climate change, wrote my mid-quarter narrative, filled out some of the plant card sheet, did my E4E homework, went to the E4E class, took a field trip to Chehalis, and started a new book.

Monday I looked for articles on climate change. There are a few climate change scenarios and each one predicts different consequences on important resources and abiotic factors. I tried narrowing down my research to climate change in the pacific northwest and its effects on plant ranges. I'm reading into this in response to last week's E4E homework; apparently customers might not buy my product because they're worried about what climate change means for the longevity of the plants that are put in. If I read about the expected changes, I can coordinate what plants should be put in when and where and include that in the packaged deal during the consultation and designing phase. This gives me a competitive advantage.

Tuesday I read articles, did some plant sheets, wrote my mid-quarter eval, and did my E4E homework. The self eval was supposed to be 750-1200 words, but I'm pretty sure I managed to say all I need to in much less. It's amazing how much easier being concise is becoming. My E4E homework was interesting. It took me a few hours, but the process was very straight forward and slightly redundant. You can read more about that [here](#).

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Wednesday I did the same as Tuesday. I also looked into phyto accumulators. There's this awesome [website](#) which operates much like the Plants for a Future database, except it gives the phytoaccumulation and ethnobotanical information of most plants. I've basically been searching the plants on my plant card spreadsheet and attaching the link to their phytoaccumulator page onto the cards. I also started working on a plant order spreadsheet for the AgroFarm on Biscay rd. I don't know what plants I want exactly, but just to think about it I started a sheet. As I've said before, the landowners Ann and Zahid want me to focus on putting in Ginseng, perennials, animals, and then annuals. However, there will need to be a grow space for the annuals that will be feeding those on farm, so I still need a seed list. Rick Bernstien has hooked me up with Heather from GRUB, who can supply me with some free seeds. I'm going to meet with her on Friday of week 7.

Thursday I started a new book, Tree-Crop Interactions by Ong and Huxley. This book is amazing. It has loads of peer-reviewed articles in each chapter just analyzing agroforestry systems. I'm counting this book as an upper division reading. It's a-mazing. Huxley has contributed to the academic agricultural world and it's nice to have his reasonings in one book right in front of me. I read two more articles on Thursday, and then went to my E4E class, the details of which can be found [here](#).

Friday I spent most of my day between meetings. The highlight meeting of the day was in Chehalis at the Best Family Farm with Brandon Best. He runs mostly an aquaponic set-up and was full of good information, of which can be found [here](#). There I was on another field trip, reminded of how easy it was for the average farmer to get screwed over. You don't go into farming to make a profit. You do it because you're a control freak who has to have the power of food under your thumb. True story.

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Saturday I spent the day writing up the week's happenings. I read about trees in my Woody Perennial Physiology book and read a chapter in Tree-Crop Interactions by Huxley. The details of my reading can be found [here](#).

I rounding off my week with a lit review found in the link above and a week in review. I'm not quite sure what I'll do next week, but hopefully it's more productive than week 6, as I've only gotten 37 hours this week. I think next week I'll focus on growth curves for the plants in my spreadsheets, and I'll focus on the AgroFarm on Biscay rd more. Until then!

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