



Farm Internship 2018

Meadowood Farms

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We are now accepting applications for our 2018 farm internship.

Meadowood Farms is a 225-acre farm in Upstate New York, raising dairy sheep, steers, and market lambs in a pasture-based system, and producing milk for our own branded sheeps-milk cheeses. Our farm calendar is seasonal, and gives everyone on the farm team opportunities to learn about and be part of lambing, milking, pasture management, livestock handling, equipment operation, marketing, and breeding. After a season at Meadowood Farms, you will have gained enormous experience in dairying (physiology, genetics, behavior, disease

prevention, milk quality); sheep husbandry; lambing (do you know how to have a "camera lens" on fingertips to pull out tangled lambs?); grazing management (we will teach you how to plan grazing weeks ahead -- and then how to adapt those plans when the drought hits); beef management; health management (vaccinating, deworming, treatments); machinery use; land stewardship. It's an intense and interesting experience, one in which, whether it's your first year in farming or your 36th, you never stop learning.

Job description for farm internship:

- Late-March through mid-May: lambing out 120 ewes and start of milking those ewes; lambing out 35 hoggets (1st-timers) and training them to milking parlor
- Late March through late October: milking 150 ewes and sending milk to processor
- April/May: purchasing new weanling steers
- April through November: pasture management and care of milking ewes, steers, and lambs on pasture
- March through October: livestock management, including deworming and vaccination, illness treatment, and weighing for harvest
- September through November: analysis of ewes' production and conformation, preparing ewes for breeding (including using AI); breeding ewes, sales of market lambs and finished steers, readying the farm for winter

Hours and compensation:

- ❖ The farm internship will begin ~ March 15th, and will continue through mid-November.
- ❖ Duties will include all aspects of farm activities, including milking, livestock husbandry, pasture management. Interns will learn basics of machinery operation (skid steer and tractor).
- ❖ Farm interns will work full time and will have every other weekend off. We try to set milking schedules that reflect all staff's preferences (i.e., morning vs evening milking),
- ❖ Compensation includes housing and a stipend commensurate with experience.

Please communicate your interest in our farm internship position by sending a resume, cover letter, and references to info@meadowoodfarms.com, subject line "Farm Internship 2018", and tell us why you are interested in the position. Interested applicants are encouraged to visit the farm if at all possible.