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Today's Date	10/16/2019
Name	Katrin Engelen
Current Host Placement	Deck Family Farm
Host and/or Supervisor Name	Christine Deck
I am satisfied with my placement site	3
I am starting to meet training objectives	2
I am learning new skills	2
Building on my existing skills	3
I am clear about my responsibilities as a Steward	5
I am clear about my J-1 visa obligations	5
I am clear about contacting MESA first if I need to use my medical insurance	5
I am clear about the reports I send MESA	5
i am happy with my living situation	3
I am receiving the stipend I agreed to	3
I am training the hours I expected	3
I am not having problems with my English	5
I am not feeling homesick!	5
Meets all my expectations	4
Had a good arrival and/or Skype orientation	5
Answers my questions clearly	5



Is giving me the help I need to get started	5
Is well organized	5
Administers a high quality program	5
Understands his/her role as a Host	3
Understands why I came to the USA	2
Knows my personal training objectives	3
Gaves me a good orientation for my placement	5
Gives me a good introduction to other interns/staff/employees	5
Clearly explained my training schedule	2
Is a good trainer/mentor	2
Involves me in a diversity of activities	2
Gives me responsibility	4
Respects my opinion	3
Has good communication skills	5
Has a well run business	5
Is safety conscious	5
Provides good working conditions	5
Provides personal protective equipment	2
Maintains machinery in good condition	5
Maintains buildings and work areas well	5
Has helped me get settled in	5
Helped me integrate into the community	5
Is interested in my culture	5



<p>For any items on the list above that you checked "2-Somewhat Disagree" or "1-Strongly Disagree," please explain here:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sometimes, I feel like I'm here to work only - The „check-in“ for objectives has been postponed multiple times until now - I feel like my ideas/suggestions are not taken seriously - I am mostly washing cows, feeding chickens, or collecting & washing eggs. - I specifically asked for gloves. All other interns also received knives, headlamps, and notebooks.
<p>Was the MESA information you received in your home country clear? Was the description of your training site accurate? What more would you have liked MESA to send you before you left you home country?</p>	<p>It was all very clear and well organized.</p>
<p>If you worked with a Program Representative in your home country, was he/she helpful? Is there anything more the Representative could have done to help you complete your application or to better understand MESA's program?</p>	<p>I did not work with a Program Representative.</p>
<p>Any problems with housing, electricity, heat, phone, driver's license, bank account, transportation? Other problems?</p>	<p>The intern house is very poorly isolated. It's very cold.</p>
<p>Describe the training you have received since getting to your placement site. What have you learned so far? Have you attended any special training, workshops, conferences, classes, etc.?</p>	<p>I was trained in being "herdsman", feeding & moving chickens, egg handling, and running a market booth.</p> <p>I learned an intensive way of cleaning cows and some facts about raising chickens & egg production.</p> <p>It took me four weeks to finally be able to watch the cheese making process.</p>



Have you been involved in an cultural activities since your arrival? (examples : farmers' workshop, library event, soccer games, family activities, etc)	We have “community nights” on Wednesdays where we talk about household issues. We also watched a movie and attended a forage study meeting.
Any suggestions to improve MESA's program?	I would like to have more exchange with other stewards (maybe some interactive courses, group projects, living with other stewards at one farm,...)
By checking "YES" you confirm that you are the person listed on the top of this survey and that all information is accurate and truthful	Yes