



# Stone & Thistle Farm

New York, United States

	
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## About the Placement:

### Detailed Placement Description

We've hosted interns for many years and enjoy sharing our philosophy and skills with young and beginning farmers. We are experienced at communicating and educating. Our interns become our family and we maintain relationships with them long after the internship is completed. Because our farm has a Farm Stay, Restaurant and conducts workshops, events and tours, the farm is very active with tourists and students. We do 8 farmers markets in the metro New York area and the steward would have an opportunity to engage in marketing and sales and travel with us to the farmers markets. We work hard but take breaks to enjoy our community and to take hikes, attend concerts, events and dinners at friends. Family members include our 29 and 21 year old sons who work on the farm and are active with the Greater Catskills Young Farmers Coalition and work and interact with vegetable farms in the area.

Special Note: we have 10 dogs (livestock guardian, border collies for herding and one pet) Nine of the dogs live outside and one lives inside as a pet. The dogs are very friendly with our family and anyone who works on the farm but liking and being comfortable with dogs is a must.

### Primary Production :

Cattle, Dairy, Poultry, Sheep, Rabbits



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## About the Internship:

### Availability:

Full for the Season

### Training Hours:

48

### Training Expectations :

Six day work week. On and off site training with family and farmhands. Able to speak English reasonably well. Physically fit - able to lift at least 50 lbs. Desired skills are enthusiasm, creative thinking, problem solving, carpentry, veterinary, culinary.

### On-Site Training, Steward's primary activities :

Working with a team of seasoned farmers, the intern will have the opportunity to learn all aspects of the farm's operations including livestock care, on-farm poultry slaughter, farmers markets sales, agri-tourism and value-added food processing.. For 25+ years, the farm has raised 100% grass-fed beef, lamb and goat as well as pastured pork and poultry. Poultry raised on the farm includes chickens for eggs and meat, ducks, turkeys and guinea hens. The farm has a herd of dairy goats - presently the milk is for home use only but there are future plans to reopen the farm's creamery. Retail cuts of the farm's meat and value-added products are sold at local and New York Metro area farmers markets. The farm operates a successful farm stay operation and hosts guests from all over the world who come to experience a working farm and enjoy meals prepared with the farm's bounty. The farm has an on-site, seasonal restaurant (Fable=farm+table) and hosts private events and food workshops such as cheese making, sausage making and cooking. Fable's Kitchen, the farm's line of value-added food, produces soups, pates, spreads, meat pies, and sausages which are sold via the farmers markets. The farm also conducts farm tours and field workshops such as slaughtering and butchering.



### **Climate and Location Description**

The farm is located in a valley in the foothills of the Catskill Mountains. Rural. 20 minute drive to town. Mountain temperatures. During our busy season - May to October - day temperatures are 40 to 80 degrees F. Night temperatures are rarely above 65 degrees F. From October to April temperatures range from 45 to 10 below zero. Moderate snow - up to three feet of snow during the winter. Moderate rainfall.

### **Compensation :**

\$300/week, bedroom in house, Free, daily food, Medical insurance

### **Accommodations and amenities provided :**

The 1860 farm house has four bedrooms. One bedroom is available for an intern. There is also a luxury tent on a platform on the property for the intern if they choose to use that during warm months. A car, computer, free wifi are available for the intern.

### **Preferred start date :**

May 1

### **Preferred length of internship :**

May 1 to November 30

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