



Livestock Internship

Hancock Shaker Village Summer Internship Program 2026

We are looking for a dedicated, energetic intern to work with our livestock manager and farm staff as they care for and manage our lively animals on this two-hundred-year-old farm. For educational and agricultural purposes, the Village maintains small herds of cows, sheep, and goats; a large flock of chickens; and a few pigs. As the livestock intern, you will help with the day-to-day care and management of these animals as you learn more about each type of animal in their many stages of development. You will cultivate skills in observing and monitoring animal behavior in order to recognize signs of distress, illness, or injury. You will also develop skills in talking about farm management and animal care with the visiting public— all in the historic setting of the iconic 1826 Round Stone Barn, the 1930s Dairy Ell, and the beautiful surrounding pastures and fields.

What you will do:

- Assist with daily barn chores, including morning and afternoon feedings, stall mucking, watering, and barn cleaning
- Assist with health maintenance chores such as hoof trimming, vaccinations, and general grooming
- Assist in rotationally grazing animals by periodically moving temporary grazing fencing and turning animals out and in daily
- Collect eggs and prepare them for weekly CSA distribution
- Care for hatched chicks as part of our educational programming
- Learn more about the functional purposes of and requirements for raising animals for production
- Help with Summer on the Farm, our week-long summer programs for children, and other educational programming as needed.



You may occasionally work with the Village gardener to assist with garden-related chores.

Qualifications: The ideal livestock intern will have an interest in pursuing a career in agriculture; a background in animal science, agricultural studies, or biology; a strong commitment to sustainable agriculture; a demonstrated ability to take direction and to work both independently and as part of a team; success working in a dynamic environment; ability to lift at least 50 pounds (the weight of a standard grain bag); and a fitness level that allows them to work actively for extended periods in all kinds of weather (heat, humidity, rain, wind, cold spells—the animals need care no matter what!) Prior experience handling animals, preferably in a farm setting, is a plus.

Interested? Visit [Summer Internship Program - Hancock Shaker Village](#) for application instructions.