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Farmhand Intern Position Description

Position Title: Farmhand Intern

Location: Suffolk County Farm and Education Center, Yaphank

Please Note:

- This internship is **unpaid** but offers valuable hands-on experience and professional development.
- Housing is **not provided** for this internship. It is the responsibility of the student to arrange their own accommodations for the duration of the program.

Position Summary:

The Farmhand Intern will support daily operations at the Suffolk County Farm and Education Center. This hands-on role involves assisting with routine farm tasks, animal care, and general maintenance, while gaining exposure to agricultural education and community engagement.

Key Responsibilities:

- Assist with feeding, cleaning, and caring for farm animals
- Support crop maintenance, planting, and harvesting activities
- Help maintain cleanliness and safety of farm facilities
- Follow established procedures and safety protocols
- Provide support during educational programs and public events as needed

Skills for Success:

- Ability to follow detailed instructions and established procedures
- Strong work ethic and reliability
- Willingness to work outdoors in various weather conditions
- Ability to lift more than 50 lbs and perform physically demanding tasks
- Acute visual concentration and coordination
- Careful handling of chemicals and farm elements

Working Conditions:

- Physical Requirements: Frequent lifting over 50 lbs
- Visual Requirements: High level of eye-hand coordination
- Hazards: Exposure to chemicals and natural elements; safety training provided

Additional Information:

- This internship has a limited scope of impact, primarily supporting the immediate farm program
- Interns will receive and provide information within the organization
- Work is routine and guided by standard procedures
- Substantial supervision will be provided
- Limited writing is required for this role

Potential for Future Employment:

This internship has the potential to lead to future employment opportunities based on performance and organizational needs