

Training in the Agriculture/Farming Industry

CIEE INTERNSHIP USA & PROFESSIONAL CAREER TRAINING USA

For participants pursuing degrees in the agriculture or agricultural engineering fields, internships at ranches, farms or vineyards can provide valuable professional experience while offering insight into American agricultural practices. You will learn about cultural differences in agricultural management while advancing your professional network and career options for when you return to your home country. Due to variable training environments and inherent responsibilities with internships in the agricultural industry, CIEE would like to share our guidelines with you for acceptable training programs.

AGRICULTURAL INTERNSHIPS

Agricultural training tasks that **CIEE can accept:**

- Intern/Trainee may learn about rotational grazing methods, irrigation management methods, sustainable farming practices, small organic farming methods, seed genetics and breeding, and small farm management practices

Agricultural training tasks that **CIEE cannot accept:**

- mending fences
- mowing
- harrowing or harvesting large fields
- operation of combines, tractors, or other farming equipment
- transportation of equipment for long distances on trucks

INTERNSHIPS ON HORSE, LIVESTOCK, PACK ANIMAL AND DAIRY FARMS

Training tasks that **CIEE can accept when limited to no more than 10% of a phase*:**

- Intern/Trainee may provide assistance with:
 - animal exercise
 - training
 - grooming
 - feeding
 - tacking up under constant supervision by a Host Organization employee

**The above tasks are only permitted when they are essential to understanding higher level skills and tasks later in the training and only when under constant supervision of a qualified Host Organization employee. These types of observational tasks must be limited to no more than 10% of any individual phase.*

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Training tasks that **CIEE cannot accept for any period of time***:

- Animal husbandry, including prenatal care, birthing and breeding
- Milking animals
- Animal care or medical treatment treating of animals, including de-worming, vaccination or trimming hooves.
- Activities requiring manual labor, such as mucking stalls, hauling water or bailing hay

** Intern/Trainees may observe an employee engaged in the above tasks if those tasks constitute less than 10% of any phase and only when this observation is essential to understanding higher level skills and tasks later in their the training.*