

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 trainings including Ranches and Farms (horse, livestock, pack animal, produce, and dairy)

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 or ranch business management practices

Agricultural training tasks that CIEE limits to no more than 10% of a phase*:

- assist with the selling of farm produce/products at farmers' markets/farm stands.
- assist with minor animal activities (animal exercise, training, grooming, feeding, tacking up a horse)

Note: 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 employee.*

Agricultural training tasks that CIEE cannot accept*:

- activities requiring manual labor, such as mucking stalls, hauling water, baling hay, mending fences, and mowing
- harrowing or harvesting large fields
- operation of combines, tractors, or other farming equipment
- transportation of equipment for long distances on trucks
- animal care or medical treatment of animals (including de-worming, vaccination, and trimming hooves)
- animal husbandry (including prenatal care, birthing and breeding)
- milking animals
- riding horses
- assisting, leading, and instructing customers/guests in riding horses
- leading horseback riding tours

**Intern/Trainees may observe an employee engaged in these tasks if they constitute less than 10% of a phase and only when they are essential to understanding higher level skills and tasks later in their training.*