



# New England Farmers Union

*A local voice at the national table*



## INTERNSHIP

### Preserving New England's Capacity to Feed and Fuel Itself

A grass-roots organization with membership-driven policy, New England Farmers Union (NEFU) works with family farmers, fishermen, foresters, nurserymen, and consumers in all six New England states. Founded in 2006, NEFU is the youngest charter member of the National Farmers Union (NFU), a 108-year-old agricultural advocacy organization based in Washington, DC.

### Internship Opportunities

- Build awareness for NEFU through membership outreach and recruitment;
- Create membership content on NEFU website;
- Establish NEFU's presence on social networking sites;
- Help develop communications to members and potential partners through coordination of press materials and contributions to NEFU e-newsletter and other publications;
- Create materials for NEFU volunteers and board members tabling at businesses and events;
- Attend events and distribute membership materials and information about NEFU's work;
- Conduct research on corporate sponsor prospects;
- Help define NEFU's outreach to community college and university students who are studying environmental education, sustainable agriculture, and other related subjects;
- Assist with prospecting and data entry—help develop a database of 6,000 individuals and organizations who will be targets of mailings, web-based events/mailings, and meetings;
- Assist with planning Annual Meeting in January 2011.

Work with experienced Washington, DC lobbying team via email, webinars, and conference calls. NEFU interns can also share experiences with Farmers Union interns from other chapters around the country via conference calls and emails.

### Our Programs

*Renewable Energy and Climate Education*—NEFU is working with NFU on an effort funded by the Energy Foundation to educate voters in New Hampshire and other targeted states about pending federal climate legislation, and renewable energy issues.

*Expanding Cooperative Education Opportunities*—Working with a grant from the CHS Foundation, NEFU is expanding curriculum covering the cooperative business model for students in agricultural and natural resources programs in New England community colleges.

*Working Towards a New England Regional Greenhouse Gas Exchange*—Working with Winrock International, NEFU is adapting NFU's Carbon Trading Program with practices that work for our region and will achieve the greatest benefits for local producers.

### Hours and Compensation

- Hours per week can vary, but a minimum of 5 would be helpful. Work can be done anywhere, but 2-3 meetings with the NEFU supervisor will be necessary.
- This can be a one semester internship, or a full year's internship. Work will be ongoing. Scope of work will be developed with intern and NEFU supervisor.
- This is an unpaid internship, but we will work with professors to establish credits.

Send resume and letter to: [Cayte@NewEnglandFarmersUnion.org](mailto:Cayte@NewEnglandFarmersUnion.org)

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