

## PLACEMENT DESCRIPTION

**Employer:** WEX TEMPLATES

**Contact:**

**Supervisor:**

**Employer Tel:**

**Website:**

**Job:** Farmhand

**Classification:** Animal Care & Control

**Ref:** 13,033

**Aims & Objectives:** To develop key skills through the experience of work. Insight into working in agriculture

**Key Tasks:** Students must be prepared to do quite a lot of observation/shadowing of the trained farm staff, then after training and under supervision (at all times) students may be able to assist staff with simple duties around the farm such as - milking the cows, helping in the cowsheds, general maintenance and repairs around the farm, cleaning and tidying up and feeding the animals.

**Requirements:** Should have common sense, confidence and initiative with a genuine interest in farming. Should not be afraid of hard work.

**Clothing:** Dress should be older, tidy, casual clothes. Wellington boots are essential! Please take outdoor and wet weather clothing.

**Working Hours:** 6-11, 2.30 - 6.00 Monday to Friday (max 37 hours total in week) Discuss at interview

**Meal Breaks:** 1 and a half hours for lunch which may be taken off site if preferred. If remaining on farm a packed lunch will be needed.

**Interview Required:** Y

**Student to Arrange:** Y

**Notes:** Student to contact employer to arrange an interview / informal chat prior to starting the placement.

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**Employer's Health & Safety Risk Assessment:**

LACK OF KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE & AWARENESS:-Students must be supervised at all times  
CHEMICALS & FLAMMABLE MATERIALS:-Students will not have contact with any hazardous machinery/chemicals. Students must not use chemical pesticides or fertilizers  
SLIPS, TRIPS & FALLS:-Students will not work at heights  
EQUIPMENT & MACHINERY:-Students will not be permitted to drive tractors. Care must be taken in the farm yard where tractors and other heavy vehicles may be reversing etc.  
WORKPLACE SPECIFIC HAZARDS:-Students must be up to date with tetanus vaccinations. Students must have access to hand washing facilities before eating. Students must not go near slurry pits alone. Students will be instructed on some poisonous plants which may cause rashes.  
LIFTING & MANUAL HANDLING:-Safe manual handling to be shown as required - students must not lift beyond their capabilities nothing over 20 kilos.  
PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:-Rubber gloves to be provided and worn if student assists with sterilising milking equipment.

**Special Notes:**

Parents/Guardians will be expected to give details of any health problems e.g. epilepsy, asthma etc on the agreement form

**Last Visit Date:**

**Next Visit Date:**

**Risk Band: H**