A typical day does not exist in the life of an animal husbandry intern and that’s the best part, in my opinion. One day might find me spading a field to get it ready for seeding new pasture, the next I am castrating piglets or fixing a leaky water trough. What I can look forward to everyday however are chores bright and early in the morning. I arrive at the barn with sleepy eyes and cold hands around seven thirty and jump right into milking the cows and goats, feeding pigs and sheep, letting the chickens out to roam and the sheep out to pasture. Walking to and from the animals or driving in our awesome diesel cart allows for time to enjoy being outside so early and watch the creeping sunlight warm the entire valley. Piglets rush out to bask in the light, chickens eagerly take their dust baths, and the ram resumes his bashing of the wooden fence. After chores any number of projects fills the ensuing hours, depending on the season. Maybe lambs were born during the night and need tending to. Perhaps a huge clean-up is needed at the pig barn or an electric fence needs setting up. The days are long and work is always abundant but then so are the learning opportunities. Fresh air, quality learning, infinite cute animal time, permanently poop stained jeans, my experience thus far has been filled with so much and I am grateful for it all.

- Animal Husbandry intern, 2010-2011