

Title: Chicken Care Volunteer

Description: Chickens have been a staple of farm life since humans started farming and they continue to play a large part on many small farms throughout New England. This legacy is carried on here at Prescott Farm through our Chicken Care Team. Gain first-hand knowledge or put existing experience to work caring for Prescott Farm's flocks on a daily basis. At Prescott Farm, chickens are integrated into our educational programs at every phase of the life cycle. By hatching chicks, feeding chickens our food waste, collecting eggs, and incorporating waste into the compost cycle, we can learn a lot from chickens!

Commitment: at least 1 shift per month for one season

- **Season:** April - October
- **Schedule:** shifts are 15-20 minutes and are available Saturday or Sunday
- **Callout:** if you are unable to make a shift you signed up for, please contact the volunteer coordinator at least 48 hours in advance when possible

Tasks & Responsibilities: chicken care volunteers will be supported by the current lead chicken care volunteer and the staff volunteer coordinator. Shift tasks will include:

- Checking chickens
- Writing down any notes and/or observations
- Checking water and refill
- Checking feed and refill if needed
- Collect eggs
- Check heaters (Winter only)
- Feed food scraps if available
- Clean nesting boxes weekly
- Clean coop monthly

Qualifications

- Desire and ability to learn about chickens and their care
- Ability to lift up to 30lbs, bend over, crouch, work outside, and walk on uneven surfaces without assistance
- Ability to work independently and confidently around animals

Training: attend a chicken care volunteer training and your first shift will be guided by the volunteer coordinator or other staff member to evaluate your ability to care for the chickens independently.

Safety: Team members are expected to bring clothes appropriate for the weather and caring for chickens. We suggest bringing closed toed shoes, bug repellent, gloves, and sunscreen.

Worksite: Chicken coops, wet lab

Special Projects: may be available for team members, speak with the volunteer coordinator for more information.