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| Table **2-2**: Descriptive characteristics of study participantsDemographic characteristics of survey, interview and farm journal samples, US Northeast Region, 2012-2013 |
| **Respondent Characteristics**  | **Survey****(%)** | **Interviews****(%)** | **Farm Journal****(%)** |
| *Race/Ethnicity*  |  |  |  |
|  White | 93.9 | 95.7 | 100.0 |
|  Black | .8 | - | - |
|  Asian | .8 | - | - |
|  Native Hawaiian | .8 | - | - |
|  Other | 3.8 | 4.3 | - |
|  Number of cases | 132 | 23 | 6 |
| *Educational attainment*  |  |  |  |
|  High school | 1.5 | - | - |
|  Some college | 9.8 | 4.3 | 16.1 |
|  Associate degree | 1.5 | - | - |
|  Bachelor | 63.6 | 82.6 | 66.7 |
|  Master's degree | 22.0 | 21.7 | 16.7 |
|  Doctorate degree | 1.5 | - | - |
|  Percent with a certificate in an  agricultural- related discipline  | 31.51 | N/A | N/A |
|  Number of cases | 132 | 23 | 6 |
| *Gender*  |  |  |  |
|  Female | 74.2 | 72.0 | 67.7 |
|  Male | 25.8 | 28.0 | 32.3 |
|  Number of cases | 132 | 25 | 6 |
| 1 N= 123; this question appeared as a separate question on the websurvey and was not asked specifically to interview and journal participants |

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| Table **2-1**: Survey respondent identification as intern or apprentice Title of participant on sustainable farms,US Northeast Region, 2012-2013 |
| **Farm Title** | **Number****of cases** | **Percentage****of sample1** |
| Intern | 10 | 7.6 |
| Apprentice | 27 | 20.5 |
| Former Intern | 60 | 45.5 |
| Former Apprentice | 56 | 42.5 |
| N = 132 respondents1Percentage does not add to 100 since respondents were given option to choose more than one title |

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| Table **2-4:** Farm intern health insurance coverage and providerSurvey and interview respondents’ access to health coverage and healthcare provider, Northeast US and Pennsylvania, 2012-2013 |
|  | **Survey Sample** | **Interview Sample** |
| *Respondent has health (medical) insurance*  |  |  |
|  % Yes | 73.3 | 80.0 |
|  % No | 26.7 | 20.0 |
|  Number of cases | 131 | 23 |
| *Health Insurance Provider*  |  |  |
|  % Self-insured | N/A | 15.0 |
|  % Employer other than  farm | N/A | 20.0 |
|  % Parent | N/A | 60.0 |
|  % Partner | N/A | 5.0 |
|  Number of cases | - | 23 |

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| Table **2-3**: Features of survey respondents during farm internship Age of survey respondent at time of survey, year of first internship, number of internships, migration for internship, US Northeast Region, 2012-2013 |
|  | **Number****of cases** | **Percentage****of sample** |
| *Age group* (years)  |  |  |
|  20-25 | 56 | 42.4 |
|  26-30 | 37 | 28.0 |
|  31-35 | 16 | 12.1 |
|  36-40 | 13 | 9.8 |
|  41-45 | 5 | 3.8 |
|  46+  | 5 | 3.8 |
|  Total | 132 | 100 |
| *Date of First Internship*  |  |  |
|  2013 | 2 | 1.5 |
|  2012 -2010 | 81 | 62.3 |
|  2009 -2007 | 25 | 19.2 |
|  2006 - 2004 | 8 | 6.2 |
|  2003 – 2001 | 5 | 3.8 |
|  Before 2000 | 9 | 6.9 |
|  Total | 130 | 100 |
| *Number of internships* *if more than one*  |  |  |
|  1 | 60 | 45 |
|  2 | 47 | 36 |
|  3 | 16 | 12 |
|  4 | 9 | 7 |
|  Total | 132 | 100 |
| *Traveled in last 12* *months to work on a farm*  |  |  |
|  Yes | 63 | 47.7 |
|  No | 69 | 52.3 |
|  Total | 132 | 100 |

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| Table **2-5**: Farm interns future participation in sustainable agriculture Survey respondents’ plans to intern in the future, work in sustainable agriculture, US Northeast Region, 2012-2013 |
|  | **Number****of cases** | **Percentage of sample** |
| *Would pursue an internship in the future?* |  |  |
|  Yes | 81 | 61.4 |
|  No | 51 | 38.6 |
| *Would pursue work in sustainable agriculture?* |  |  |
|  Work as a paid farm worker  | 52 | 39.4 |
|  Lease land to farm  | 39 | 29.5 |
|  Own a farm  | 64 | 48.5 |
|  Pursue formal training in  agriculture  | 28 | 21.2 |
|  Pursue other jobs related to  sustainable food  | 65 | 49.2 |
|  Other work in sustainable  farming  | 7 | 5.3 |
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| Table **2-6.** Farm interns’ rating of motivations for participating in a farm internship Survey respondents’ ratings (%) of their motivation to participate as a farm internship, US Northeast Region, 2012-2013 |
| **Motivations** | **Very Important (%)** | **Important****(%)** | **Somewhat Important****(%)** | **Not important****(%)** | **N/A****(%)** |
|  Train as a future farmer  | 59.8 | 25.8 | 10.6 | 3.0 | .8 |
|  Experience of living on  a farm  | 34.1 | 18.2 | 21.2 | 12.9 | 13.6 |
|  Participate in a farm-based  community  | 31.8 | 34.8 | 23.5 | 8.3 | 1.5 |
|  Better access to local  food  | 28.8 | 34.8 | 21.2 | 13.6 | 1.5 |
|  Learn mechanical skills  | 16.7 | 18.9 | 37.1 | 18.2 | 9.1 |
|  Pursue a wage/livelihood  | 15.9 | 26.5 | 31.1 | 22.7 | 3.8 |
|  Live in a new place  | 9.1 | 13.6 | 22.0 | 43.2 | 12.1 |
|  Learn carpentry skill  | 7.6 | 10.6 | 30.3 | 37.1 | 14.4 |
|  Requirement for  school/job program  | 6.1 | 2.3 | 4.5 | 44.7 | 42.4 |
|  Learn agricultural skills  | 1.5 | 88.6 | 8.3 | 1.5 | - |
| N=132 respondents |

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Figure 2-1