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| Table **3-2:** Survey respondents’ rating of internship features for importance    Survey respondents’ importance rating (%) of farm features for choosing an internship, US Northeast Region, 2012-2013 | | | | | | |
| **Internship Features** | **Very Important**  **(%)** | **Important**  **(%)** | **Somewhat Important**  **(%)** | **Not important**  **(%)** | **N/A**  **(%)** | |
| Growing methods | 77.27 | 16.67 | 4.55 | 0.76 | 0.76 | |
| Educational opportunities | 52.27 | 28.79 | 13.64 | 2.27 | 3.03 | |
| Product(s) grown on farm | 50.00 | 32.58 | 15.15 | 2.27 | - | |
| Farm mentor | 47.33 | 31.30 | 15.27 | 2.29 | 3.82 | |
| Farm location | 40.91 | 33.33 | 18.94 | 6.82 | - | |
| Compensation package | 34.09 | 34.85 | 23.48 | 6.06 | 1.52 | |
| Farm community | 29.23 | 35.38 | 26.92 | 5.38 | 3.08 | |
| Housing arrangement | 28.79 | 28.79 | 19.70 | 13.64 | 9.09 | |
| Reputation of farm | 22.31 | 37.69 | 26.92 | 9.23 | 3.85 | |
| Size of operation | 18.94 | 30.30 | 32.58 | 18.18 | 0.00 | |
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| Table **3-1.** 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 | | | | | |