



Shelburne Farms

Some Staff Highlights from 2009

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“At staff orientation, I was able to go out into a field and stand among all these Brown Swiss Cows for the first time. You have no idea how much that meant to me.”

— Carol Wellings, *Welcome Center*

“Having sheep down by the Welcome Center, for us and for visitors.”

— Dave Jonah, *Welcome Center*

“I have a new office with chickens outside my window. I feel so connected.”

— Allison Oskar, *Accounting*

“Just being able to drive in and out of the property each day.”

— Leslie Armstrong, *The Inn at Shelburne Farms*

“I love the first day of grazing season.”

— Rose Bourne, *Dairy*

“Renee [*at the dairy*] let my Renaissance school students name a calf ‘Westward’ because we were studying Westward Expansion. I can’t tell you how much this meant to the kids. One boy asked that his parents cancel their vacation so that he could be part of the class visit to see ‘Westward.’

— Peter Bullock, *Education*

“I got to show our animals at Eastern States, and we won in two out of three classes.”

— Renee LaCoss, *Dairy*

“We hired seasonal staff that I knew when I started working here. They were eight then. They *finally* got to learn how to drive the tractor.”

— Sally Lincoln, *Children’s Farmyard*

“Coming back here to work, I was amazed at how much the Farm has evolved in using products from the Farm.”

— David Hugo, Chef, *The Inn at Shelburne Farms*

“I got to teach my Mom at a professional development conference for educators.”

— Laura Viani, *Education*

“Launching the first modern day Market Garden Camp.”

— Erica Curry, *Education*

“One of my highlights was seven years in the making: the opening of the Sustainability Academy.”

— Jen Cirillo, *Education*

“Two words: ‘Server Room.’”

— Bill Boedecker, *IT Administrator*

“Taxiing a professor from China back to the airport at 3:00 in the morning and hearing him talk about how important the work we do is, and how beautiful the farm is.”

— Alec Webb, *President of Shelburne Farms*

“Serving on a committee in Hinesburg that’s developing a management plan for a new town forest based on research on grassland birds that was done in part here at Shelburne Farms.”

— Lenore Budd, *Development*

“Feeding leftover curds and whey to the pigs after the Vermont Cheesemakers Festival.”

— Paul Hartnett, *Cheese & Catalog*

“Playing soccer with staff in front of the Breeding Barn.”

— Travis Bessette, *Buildings & Grounds*

“I work and take part in the most amazing place [Sustainability Academy], representing the Farm.”

— Sarah Kadden, *Education*

“Sharing honeybees and hives with kids and watching how fearless the kids were when they were so close to the hives.”

— Evan Snow, *Apprentice*

“Having the staff CSA finally happen and having people get their ‘Christmas present’ every week.”

“Having camp kids help me load sheep into a trailer to go to slaughter, which let the kids explore concepts they’ve probably never discussed before.”

— Sam Smith, *Children’s Farmyard*

“My mom and sister visited me during the Harvest Festival and finally got to see that I don’t just work at ‘some farm in Shelburne’.”

— Jamie Heinchon, *Buildings & Grounds*

“The awards ceremony at the American Cheese Society conference in Austin— It was like the Grammys of Cheese. We got one award, then another... and another. What an honor! To be at the intersection of all this work that makes great food.”

“A woman came up to me at ACS with a catalog that had Shelburne Farms cheese in it and said, ‘Can I have your autograph?’!”

“Over the holidays, so many departments helped us out. Now when I think of the Cheese ‘team’ it really has roots now that run all through the farm.”

— Ellen Fox, *Cheese & Catalog*