

**ELCCT Volunteer of the Month**  
**Mackenzie Strid**

I started volunteering for ELCCT around the middle of October of last year. When I was in elementary school, I remember going to the farm and learning about all of the animals and the aquatic life in Connecticut. So when I got into the Southington High School Agriculture program, Indian Rock came first thing to mind. While I am working my evening shifts, I close up all of the animals for the night. I start with the sheep and cattle, feed them hay, grain, and fill their water buckets. Then I move on to the poultry-- all of them are brought into the coop then the doors are closed for the night. I fill their water pails, food pails, collect their eggs, and sweep the floor. Lastly, I move onto the pig. I feed her, fill her water and throw additional hay down so she has a little extra comfort while sleeping. While I have time on my own, I enjoy spending time with my family, practicing barrel racing with my horse JJ, reading classic literature, and listening to many varieties of music. I would like to show many thanks to my parents for being supportive of my love in the animal sciences.