

Agri-business



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QUALIFICATIONS

On the job training
Certificate I or II in a relevant field
Apprenticeship or traineeship

SKILLS

Reliable
Hardworking
Physically fit – able to cope with physical demands of the job
Practical skills – good with hands
Aptitude for machinery

JOB

Farm worker
Nursery worker
Fruit/nut/vegetable picker
Fishing hand
Forestry worker
Fencer
Fruit, vegetable, meat packer
Groundskeeper

ENTRY LEVEL

"I live on my family's dairy farm and study Primary Industries through my school's agricultural program. I enjoy showing cattle for my family's farm and through the school – we won second prize at our most recent show. I am looking forward to a career in Agriculture and running my own agriculture business."

Charlee Woods
QUALIFICATIONS: Certificate II
Agriculture student, Bowraville Central



VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND TRADES

"I enjoy the constant challenges of my work, which requires resilience and ingenuity to overcome in an ever-changing environment. Working outdoors in all conditions is part of the fun!"

Alex Currin
JOB: Horticulturist with Dymocks Farms
QUALIFICATIONS: Certificate IV in Horticulture



QUALIFICATIONS

On the job training
Certificate III through to Advanced Diploma
Apprenticeship

SKILLS

Specialised knowledge of their industry
Good interpersonal skills
Good decision-making and problem-solving skills
Physically fit – able to cope with the physical demands of the job
Able to operate machinery

JOB

Nursery person
Arborist
Apiarist (beekeeper)
Horse trainer/farrier/riding instructor
Horticulturist
Technical officer
Agricultural technician
Quarantine officer
Inspector
Bush regenerator

QUALIFICATIONS

Certificate IV and higher
Bachelor Degree
On the job training

SKILLS

Industry experience
Critical thinking
Leadership skills
Communication and interpersonal skills
Strategy and planning skills
Logistical skills
Able to operate machinery
Technology adept

JOB

Farmer/Farm Manager – livestock, crops, orchard or mixed
Grower – vegetables, flowers, turf
Forestry Plantation Coordinator
Agronomist
Agricultural engineer
Master fisher
Agricultural Scientist
Agricultural Consultant
Field Officer
Wine maker
Agriculture teacher

DEGREE QUALIFIED AND MANAGERIAL

"I love working outside with farmers to find the best outcome suited to them and their enterprise to make them more productive and profitable. I also enjoy working within a great network that gives me access to knowledge and resources at my request."

Jade Taylor
JOB: Sales Agronomist with Nutrien Ag Solutions
QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor of Rural Science



\$54,756

Annual median salary



70%

of workers are full time



72%

of workers are male



Average (full time) weekly hours

50+



Size of industry: employs 297,400



5% projected growth in all agricultural sectors over the next 3 years

Industry prospects



% Workforce aged

15-24:
Entry level positions
20-30%

Agriculture on the Mid North Coast

- Seasonal, market and climate variations
- Top industry sectors are:
 - > Fruit and nut orchards
 - > Beef
 - > Dairy
 - > Nurseries/cut flowers/turf
 - > Vegetables
- 8000 Agribusiness workers
- One of the leading export industries, generating \$3 million per year
- High demand for degree qualified candidates
- Recruitment through online job boards, word of mouth and social media
- Significant range of support industries including suppliers, services, processing, transport,
- logistics and warehousing
- Area prone to natural disasters
- Climate, location and marketing advantages

Useful links

Industry Organisations
Agribusiness Australia: agribusiness.asn.au/about-us/overview
AgriFutures Australia: agrifutures.com.au
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry: agriculture.gov.au/abares
Department of Primary Industries: dpi.nsw.gov.au

Career Information

Career Harvest: careerharvest.com.au
My Future: myfuture.edu.au/industries/details/agriculture-forestry-and-fishing#essentials
Your Career – Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing: yourcareer.gov.au/industries/a/agriculture-forestry-fishing
Harvest Trail: dewr.gov.au/harvest-trail
SkillsNSW: education.nsw.gov.au/skills-nsw/apprentices-and-trainees
Skills Road: skillsroad.com.au
Skills One TV: skillsone.com.au