

# CAREER FACT SHEET

## Agricultural, Forestry & Horticultural Operators

### Snapshot

Agricultural, Forestry & Horticultural Operators operate agricultural, forestry and horticultural plant to clear and cultivate land, sow and harvest crops, and fell trees and move logs.

How many are employed in this occupation?	23,000
What are the average weekly earnings for full time workers?	\$1,185
How does unemployment compare with other occupations?	Average
What are the job prospects for this occupation?	Medium
What will be the likely future employment growth for the next five years?	Strong Growth

### Main employing industries

Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Public Administration and Safety; Administrative and Support Services; Construction

### Tasks

This occupation may include associated occupations with varying tasks.

- preparing and positioning plant for operation
- operating tractor-drawn and self-propelled plant to plough land and sow, fertilise, cultivate and harvest crops, and avoid damaging crops
- adjusting speed, height and depth of implements
- operating plant to hold, lift and cut trees
- operating attachments to lift, swing, release and sort trees and logs, and operating auxiliary plant such as chipping machines and log splitting machines
- feeding felled trees into processors to strip limbs and cut into logs and loading logs onto stockpiles and into trucks
- keeping log tallies and writing work reports
- servicing plant and performing minor repairs.

# INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

## Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing

If you're interested in working in the great outdoors on tasks such as cultivating plants, testing soil PH levels, diving for lobsters, or raising livestock, then you should investigate a career in Australia's Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing industry. The Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing industry employs a huge number of people in the many roles associated with the supply of fresh and frozen produce and timber to both local and overseas markets. The sheep, beef cattle and grain sectors are Australia's top producers however, there are many other types of farming, such as aquaculture and hydroponics, offering career pathways in a number of specialised areas. The forestry and fishing industries also employ a huge number of people in a range of occupations both directly and indirectly in supporting Australian forests and fisheries.

### Possible job pathways

- Agricultural Consultant
- Agricultural Scientist
- Aquaculture Farmer & Workers
- Stock and Station Agent
- Mixed Crop and Livestock Farm Worker
- Meat Inspector
- Quarantine Officer
- Primary Products Inspectors



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