

Crop Farmers

Crop farmers plan, organise, control, coordinate and perform farming operations to grow crops.

Job title examples



- Cotton Grower
- Flower Grower / Floriculturist
- Fruit or Nut Grower / Fruit or Nut Farm Manager
- Grain, Oilseed or Pasture Grower / Grain, Oilseed or Pasture Farm Manager
- Grape Grower
- Mixed Crop Farmer
- Sugar Cane Grower / Sugar Cane Farm Manager
- Turf Grower / Turf Farmer
- Vegetable Grower / Vegetable Farm Manager

Other jobs in this field of work

What crop farmers do



- plan and coordinate the production and market of crops, such as grain, cotton, sugar cane, fruit and nuts, vegetables, turf and flowers, from soil preparation to harvest taking into account environmental and market factors
- select and plant seeds, seedlings and bulbs, and graft new varieties to root stocks
- maintain crop production by cultivating, de-budding and pruning, and maintain optimal growing conditions
- organise and conduct farming operations, such as collecting, storing, grading and packaging produce, and organise the sale, purchase and despatch of produce
- direct and oversee general farming activities such as fertilising and pest and weed control
- maintain farm buildings, fences, equipment and water supply systems
- maintain and evaluate records of farming activities, monitor market activity, and plan crop preparation and production to meet contract requirements and market demand
- may select, train and supervise staff and contractors

Main employing industries



- Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing

Qualifications



The following government subsidised qualifications are available in NSW:

Certificate IV in Agriculture available as a traineeship or qualification

Certificate IV in Organic Farming available as a traineeship or qualification

Certificate IV in Production Horticulture available as a traineeship or qualification

Course fees: You may be eligible for government subsidised training under Smart and Skilled. Go to the [Course Finder](#) to find training in your area, estimate your fee and find a training provider.

Job prospects and pay



- There are around 5,937 crop farmers working in NSW.
- Over the next four years, employment in this occupation is expected to grow in NSW.

Average weekly full time earnings (before tax):

- Crop farmers: \$ 800
- All occupations: \$1,200

Related jobs



- Livestock Farmer
- Mixed Crop and Livestock Farmer

To find out more about other jobs, visit the [Job Guides Homepage](#).

Information sources

Occupations: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations, 1220.0

Employment: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Labour Force, Australia, Detailed, Quarterly, 6291.0.55.003

Skills shortages: Department of Employment, Skill Shortage List NSW 2015-16

Job prospects: Centre of Policy Studies (CoPS), Victoria University, Employment Forecast Data for NSW 2015/16 to 2022/23

Earnings: Department of Employment, joboutlook.gov.au, based on ABS Characteristics of Employment Survey, August 2014