

Crop Farm Worker

Crop farm workers perform routine tasks in producing crops such as fruit, nuts, grains, vegetables and mushrooms.

Job title examples

- Fruit or Nut Farm Worker/ Fruit or Nut Picker
- Grain, Oilseed or Pasture Farm Worker
- Vegetable Farm Worker/Picker
- Vineyard Worker
- Mushroom Picker
- Hop Farm Worker
- Sugar Cane Planter

Other jobs in this field of work

What crop farm workers do

- plant trees, seeds, seedlings, roots, bulbs, vines and other plants using hand tools and farm machines
- build trellises for climbing vegetables and vines
- operate farm machines to cultivate, fertilise, spray and harvest fruit, nuts, grains and vegetables
- spray trees, vines and other plants with chemicals to control weed growth, insects, fungus growth and diseases
- thin, weed and hoe row crops, and prune trees and vines
- irrigate land for crop growth
- select and pick fruit, nuts, grains, vegetables and mushrooms according to size and ripeness, and discard rotting and over-ripened produce
- grade, sort, bunch and pack produce into containers
- load filled fruit, nut, grain and vegetable containers onto trucks

Main employing industries

- Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing

Qualifications

The following government subsidised qualifications are available in NSW:

Certificate II in Production Horticulture available as a traineeship or qualification

Certificate IV in Production Horticulture available as a traineeship or qualification

Certificate III in Feedlot Operations available as a traineeship or qualification

Apprenticeships and traineeships: Find out how to get an [apprenticeship or traineeship](#).

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 farm workers 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 farm workers: \$800
- All occupations: \$1,200

Related jobs



- Livestock Farm Worker
- Garden and Nursery Labourer

To find out more regarding these related 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