

Livestock Farm Worker

Livestock farm workers perform routine tasks in livestock, egg and wool production.

Job title examples



- Beef Cattle Farm Worker
- Dairy Cattle Farm Worker
- Mixed Livestock Farm Worker
- Poultry Farm Worker
- Sheep Farm Worker
- Stablehand
- Wool Handler/ Shearing Shed Hand / Shearing Shed Worker
- Livestock Farm Worker (Deer Farm Worker / Emu Farm Worker / Goat Herder / Ostrich Farm Worker / Piggery Worker)

Other jobs in this field of work

What livestock farm workers do



- patrol, inspect and report on the condition of livestock
- provide livestock with feed and water
- assist with maintaining the health and welfare of livestock
- muster and drove livestock to milking and shearing sheds and between paddocks to ensure sufficient feed is available
- wash and clean udders, and attach milking machines to udders and milk cows
- collect eggs and place in incubators
- herd sheep for shearing and keep mobs separate during shearing
- spread fleeces on skirting tables for classing, press wool and brand bales
- exercise horses by walking, riding, leading and swimming, and attend to horses at track work, barrier trials and races
- clean stables and hatcheries, store bedding and perform minor repairs on fixtures, buildings and fences
- assemble, prepare and store horse gear

Main employing industries



- Agriculture, forestry and fishing

Qualifications



The following government subsidised qualifications are available in NSW:

Certificate II in Agriculture available as a qualification

Certificate II in Shearing available as a qualification

Certificate II in Wool Handling available as a qualification

Certificate III in Agriculture available as a qualification

Certificate III in Agriculture (Dairy Production) available as a traineeship or qualification

Certificate III in Pork Production available as a qualification

Certificate III in Poultry Production available as a 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 11,527 livestock 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):

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

Related jobs



- Aquaculture worker
- Crop farm worker
- Forestry and logging worker
- Garden and nursery labourer
- Mixed crop and livestock farm worker

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