

AGRICULTURE & PRIMARY

Primary industries of importance to New Zealand include agriculture (dairy, meat and wool), forestry, horticulture (crop growing, including grain and seed crops, fruit and vegetables, wine grapes and nursery plants) and seafood (aquaculture and fishing).

Primary industries in Waikato contribute more than \$1.8 million to New Zealand's GDP (gross domestic product), make up 27 percent of the Waikato economy and employ 10 percent of the regional workforce.

JOBS IN THE PRIMARY SECTOR WOULD SUIT THOSE PEOPLE WHO LIKE:

- » working outdoors
- » working with animals or growing things
- » doing physical work and using tools, equipment and machinery
- » using business management skills such as budgeting and accounting
- » interacting with the environment
- » science and research

Our region is home to many clever agri-tech businesses, designing and developing innovative, world-leading technology in areas such as animal health and herd improvement, food processing and environmental sciences. Waikato made agri-technology is in use throughout the world.

Agribusiness is a dynamic area with career opportunities such as dairy business manager, agri-consultant, agri-business entrepreneur and rural banking adviser.

QUALIFICATION EXAMPLES »

UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO

- » Bachelor of Science (BSc)
- » Bachelor of Business Studies (BBus) (Agribusiness)
- » Bachelor of Management Studies with Honours (BMS (Hons)) (Agribusiness)

WINTEC

- » Bachelor of Technology (Agritechnology)
- » Rural Animal Technician (Level 5)
- » NZ Certificate in Agriculture (Level 4)
- » NZ Diploma in Agribusiness Management (Level 5)

JOB EXAMPLES	*PAY PER YEAR	OPPORTUNITIES
Agricultural Consultant	\$45K to \$150K	Good
Agricultural Field & Sales Rep	\$45K to \$70K	Good
Agricultural/Horticultural Scientist	\$55K to \$100K	Good
Aquaculture Farmer	\$34K to \$80K	Average
Beekeeper	\$34K to \$95K	Good
Crop Farmer/Manager	\$50K to \$100K	Good
Dairy Farmer	\$46K to \$71K	Good
Farm Worker	\$40K to \$53K	Good
Farmer/Farm Manager	\$60K to \$64K	Good
Forest Manager	\$45K to \$140K	Good
Forestry & Logging Worker	\$40K to \$75K	Good
Meat Process Worker	\$33K to \$86K	Good
Shearer	\$30K to \$100K	Good
Veterinarian	\$58K to \$130K	Good
	*PAY PER HOUR	OPPORTUNITIES
Arborist	\$17.70 to \$35	Good
Crop Worker	\$18.00 to \$25	Good
Fencer	\$17.70 to \$28	Good
Nursery Grower/Worker	\$18.00 to \$26	Average
Packhouse Worker	\$18.00 to \$25	Good
Veterinary Nurse	\$17.70 to \$26	Good

*Rates are based on full-time work and are an indication only.



DID YOU KNOW?

NEW ZEALAND'S PRIMARY INDUSTRY EXPORT PERFORMANCE CONTINUES TO OUTPACE EXPECTATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 2019, WITH EXPORT REVENUE NOW FORECAST TO REACH \$45.6 BILLION, AN INCREASE OF \$6.9 BILLION ON THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

- Ministry for Primary Industries



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