



FARMER/FARM MANAGER

JOB SUMMARY

Farmers/Farm Managers do lots of things around the farm. They need to plan what needs done on that particular day and sort financial requirements to succeed in their job. They must manage employees and make sure they know what the employees are doing to pay their wages. Farmers/Farm Managers sometimes need to do tractor work and calculate how much they have to spend on feed for animals. They need to make sure the farm runs smoothly.

WORKING CONDITIONS

Farmers/Farm Managers need to complete work in almost all weather conditions. They are required to work in dusty, dirty, hot, wet, smelly and extremely noisy conditions. Farming depends on the season and working in the evening is very common especially in summer, their hours depend on the weather and productivity of the farm. They may even work in stock yards to buy or sell stock.

TASKS

Farmers/Farm Managers complete plenty of tasks on the farm. They complete practical outdoor tasks like cultivation/ tractor work, spraying, drilling, stock management, shearing, drenching, machinery maintenance, irrigation, fencing, training farm dogs, monitoring crop development and checking stock health. They also spend some of their time inside doing tasks like financial management, planning, marketing, employee wages, bill payments and feed payments.

PAY AND PROGRESSION

Farmers/Farm Managers earn around 60-64 thousand dollars a year. Farmers/ Farm Managers pay varies an incredible amount. Their pay can vary on how much experience they have and the farm type they own or manage. Their pay varies in the responsibility of the job and the profitability of the farm. If you own a property you may earn more.

PERSONAL REQUIREMENTS

Farmers/Farm Managers have lots of personal requirements. They must have reasonable fitness levels, be confident in caring for animals and persevere with the will to work hard to achieve something. To be a Farmer/ Farm Manager you have to be independent and adaptable especially when things go wrong. You must be practical and responsible when doing tasks so you do not harm anyone. You must have good communication, management and planning skills to succeed in your job as well as a motivated and organized lifestyle with a passion for your job.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Job opportunities for Farmers/Farm Managers are extremely good due to shortages of skilled workers. There is a very high demand for workers with experience and qualifications. There is a big shortage in specialist areas.

HOW TO GET INTO THE JOB

To become a Farmer/Farm Manager you don't need any specialist qualifications. Although you can increase your career chances by doing a diploma in agriculture or farm management or go into university degrees such as a Bachelor of Agricultural Science or Commerce. There are some useful subjects in Secondary School to help boost you into this career like agriculture, accounting, biology, economics and Mathematics.

RELATED JOBS

- Agricultural/ Horticultural consultant
- Beekeeper
- Farm Worker
- Dairy Farmer
- Crop Farmer



Sheep grazing on a Southland farm.



A farmer harvesting wheat.



A grain moisture meter an important piece of equipment for crop farmers

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