

Workforce References

For more information on careers in agriculture, visit these sites:

Career Bridge

www.careerbridge.wa.gov

Qualifying Occupations

www.wilma.org/wdclists/

Washington State Dept. of Agriculture

www.agr.wa.gov

Workforce College

www.workforcecollege.com

Workforce Explorer

www.workforceexplorer.com

WorkSource Washington

www.Go2WorkSource.com



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**Agricultural Occupations
Quick Guide
2010-2011**



Careers in Agriculture

Washington's agricultural industry is changing. Agriculture is much more than "cows and plows." The industry is evolving to include cutting edge careers in a technical field. Jobs related to agriculture in Washington can be found on farms, in factories, on fishing boats, in laboratories, and on the sales room floor.

To learn more about training for a career in the agricultural industry visit www.agcenterofexcellence.com.



In-Demand Agricultural Occupations

Projected Growth for mid-2011 and 2018

Projected Growth, 2011 & 2018
Education/Training Requirement

Hourly Average

Agricultural Workers

2011 0.8%	2018 5.8%	\$16.75
<i>Short-term on the job training</i>		

Biological Technicians

2011 0.8%	2018 12.7%	\$19.68
<i>Associates Degree</i>		

Bookkeeping & Accounting Clerks

2011 0.0%	2018 5.6%	\$18.08
<i>Certificate</i>		

Computer Support Specialists

2011 1.0%	2018 14.7%	\$24.07
<i>Associates Degree</i>		

Environmental Science & Protection Technicians

2011 1.1%	2018 16.1%	\$22.26
<i>Associates Degree</i>		

Projected Growth, 2011 & 2018
Education/Training Requirement

Hourly Average

Farm & Home Management Advisors

2011 1.2%	2018 20.1%	\$23.98
<i>Bachelors Degree</i>		

Farm Worker & Laborers

2011 1.3%	2018 8.6%	\$11.65
<i>Short-term on the job training</i>		

First-Line Landscaping Supervisors

2011 2.2%	2018 26.8%	\$23.77
<i>Associates Degree and/or related experience</i>		

Landscaping & Groundskeeping Workers

2011 2.4%	2018 26.9%	\$14.57
<i>Short-term on the job training</i>		

Veterinary Technicians

2011 3.2%	2018 35.2%	\$15.00
<i>Associates Degree</i>		

Data used to develop the In-Demand Agricultural Occupations was retrieved in August 2010 from Qualifying Occupations, www.wilma.org/wdclists/ and Workforce Explorer, www.workforceexplorer.com

Education & Training Opportunities

Community and technical colleges in Washington State offer one-year Certificates and two-year Associates Degrees in agriculture and agriculture-related areas of study. Visit www.agcenterofexcellence.com to learn more about Washington's colleges and training programs.

