

## Workforce References

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

Career Bridge

[www.careerbridge.wa.gov](http://www.careerbridge.wa.gov)

Qualifying Occupations

[www.wilma.org/wdclists/](http://www.wilma.org/wdclists/)

Washington State Dept. of Agriculture

[www.agr.wa.gov](http://www.agr.wa.gov)

Workforce College

[www.workforcecollege.com](http://www.workforcecollege.com)

Workforce Explorer

[www.workforceexplorer.com](http://www.workforceexplorer.com)

WorkSource Washington

[www.Go2WorkSource.com](http://www.Go2WorkSource.com)



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The Agriculture Center of Excellence, located at Walla Walla Community College, addresses workforce training needs and education for a diverse agricultural industry. The Center serves industry and educational partners, including the community and technical college system, the K-12 system, and between four-year colleges and universities.

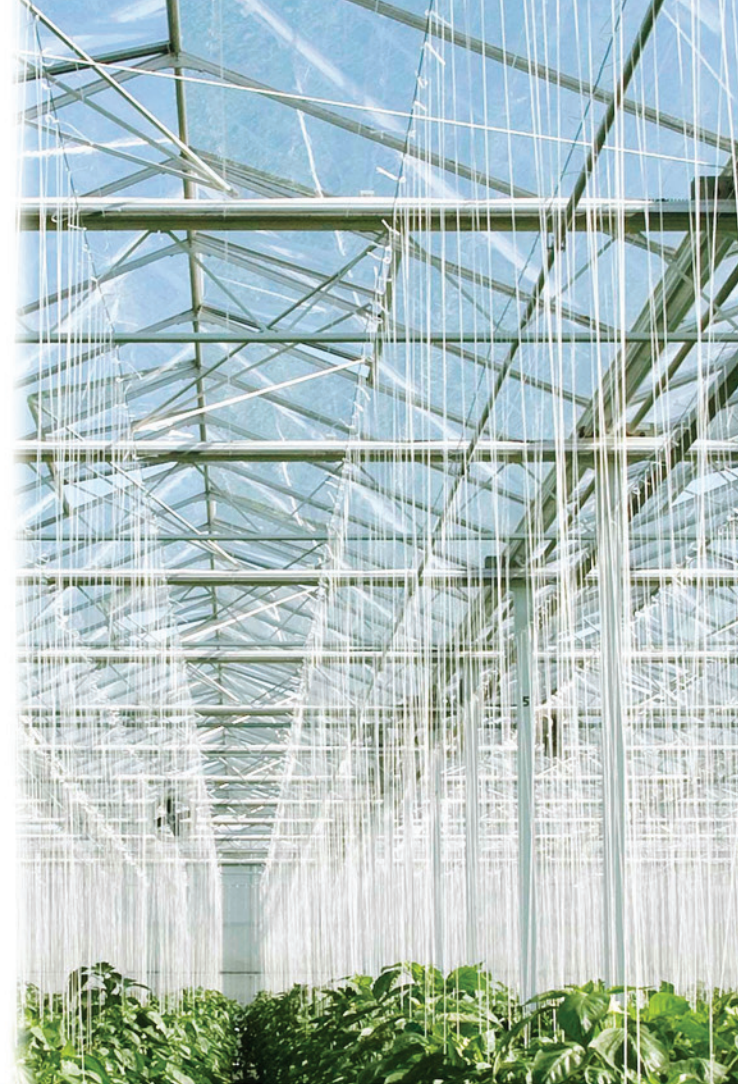


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# Careers in Agriculture

If you are interested in how we interact with the environment and use natural resources to meet our basic needs; then consider a career in agriculture. Jobs related to agriculture in Washington State can be found on farms, in factories, on fishing boats, in laboratories, and on saleroom floors.

To learn more about training for a career in the agricultural industry visit [www.agcenterofexcellence.com](http://www.agcenterofexcellence.com).



# In-Demand Agricultural Occupations

## Projected Growth for mid-2011 and 2018

Projected Growth, 2011 & 2018      Hourly Average

### Agricultural Workers

2011 0.8%	2018 5.8%	\$17.10
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### Biological Technicians

2011 0.8%	2018 12.7%	\$19.98
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### Hazardous Materials Removal Workers

2011 4.6%	2018 24.2%	\$25.05
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### Sales Representatives (Wholesale & Manufacturing)

2011 0.0%	2018 10.7%	\$44.05
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### Environmental Science & Protection Technicians

2011 1.1%	2018 16.1%	\$22.48
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### Farm Workers & Laborers

2011 1.3%	2018 8.6%	\$12.28
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### First-Line Landscaping Supervisors

2011 2.2%	2018 26.8%	\$23.65
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Data used to develop the In-Demand Agricultural Occupations was retrieved in August 2011 from Qualifying Occupations, [www.wilma.org/wdclists/](http://www.wilma.org/wdclists/) and Workforce Explorer, [www.workforceexplorer.com](http://www.workforceexplorer.com)

Projected Growth, 2011 & 2018      Hourly Average

### Landscaping & Groundskeeping Workers

2011 2.4%	2018 26.9%	\$14.78
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### Veterinary Assistants

2011 2.2%	2018 23.0%	\$11.76
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### Veterinary Technicians

2011 3.2%	2018 35.2%	\$15.46
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## Education & Training Opportunities

Washington community and technical colleges offer one-year certificates and two-year associate degrees in agriculture and natural resources.

Visit [www.agcenterofexcellence.com](http://www.agcenterofexcellence.com) to learn more about Washington's workforce training programs.