

## Workforce References

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

Career Bridge

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

Economic Modeling Specialists, Inc.

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

Qualifying Occupations

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

Washington State Department of Agriculture

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

Work Force College

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

Workforce Explorer

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

Work Source Washington

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



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## The face of agriculture is changing...

Washington's Agriculture Industry is growing. Job growth projections show an increase of up to 11% within the crop and animal production and supporting industries. This includes jobs on farms, in factories, in laboratories, and on the sales floor.

Jobs related to agriculture in Washington State are as diverse as the crops produced. Learn more about the Agriculture Industry by visiting [www.agcenterofexcellence.com](http://www.agcenterofexcellence.com).



# Top 10 In-Demand Agriculture Occupations

## Projected Growth for mid-2010 and 2017

**Job Title**  
*Growth Rate %*                      *Hourly Average*

### Agriculture Workers

|             |         |
|-------------|---------|
| 2010: -0.5% | \$16.40 |
| 2017: +3.3% |         |

### Biological Technicians

|              |         |
|--------------|---------|
| 2010: +0.2%  | \$18.71 |
| 2017: +16.6% |         |

### Environmental Science & Protection Technicians

|              |         |
|--------------|---------|
| 2010: -0.4%  | \$21.71 |
| 2017: +23.3% |         |

### Farm & Home Management Advisors

|              |         |
|--------------|---------|
| 2010: +0.1%  | \$20.07 |
| 2017: +27.4% |         |

### Farm Workers & Laborers

|              |         |
|--------------|---------|
| 2010: -0.4%  | \$10.57 |
| 2017: +13.3% |         |

### Floral Designers

|             |         |
|-------------|---------|
| 2010: -1.1% | \$13.43 |
| 2017: +8.5% |         |

**Job Title**  
*Growth Rate %*                      *Hourly Average*

### Forest & Conservation Technicians

|             |         |
|-------------|---------|
| 2010: +0.8% | \$17.47 |
| 2017: +8.5% |         |

### Landscape & Grounds Work

|              |         |
|--------------|---------|
| 2010: +0.8%  | \$14.38 |
| 2017: +26.0% |         |

### Veterinary Technicians

|              |         |
|--------------|---------|
| 2010: +0.9%  | \$14.61 |
| 2017: +55.1% |         |

### Vocational Teacher, High Schools

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| 2010: +0.6%  |  |
| 2017: +14.1% |  |

