

WHY NOT TRY...

AGRICULTURE

What do Agricultural Farm Hands do?

Farm hands assist farmers and graziers with growing crops and feeding and raising livestock.

Agricultural Farm Hands may perform the following tasks:

- > cultivate soil, sow crops and control weeds by slashing, rotary hoeing or chemical spraying
- > plant ground crops between rows of trees and bushes to control weeds and soil temperatures
- > construct wire trellises (frames) to support vines, berries and fruit
- > take part in harvesting operations using tractors, harvesters, forklifts and hand tools
- > feed livestock and poultry
- > prepare milking machinery and assist with milking operations
- > clean and sterilise farm equipment
- > clear away animal waste and hose out operational areas
- > perform other tasks involved with the breeding and raising of livestock, such as shearing, dipping, branding, crutching, gelding, marking and assisting with artificial insemination
- > ride horses or motorbikes to muster sheep or cattle
- > maintain and repair farm buildings, bores, fences, machinery, troughs, windmills and other equipment

How do I become an Agricultural Farm Hand?

To become a farm hand you generally have to complete a certificate in Agriculture. Entry to the certificate courses generally requires a minimum of year 10. You can also become a farm hand by doing a traineeship, which involves both on and off-the-job training. The off-the-job training is provided through Registered Training Organisations (RTOs), including Group Training Companies.

Qualifying as an Agricultural Farm Hand involves:

- > 12 to 18 months commitment
- > Attending paid work with a "host employer" for the duration of the traineeship
- > Attending off-the-job training at an RTO (or the RTO may come to your workplace)

Ideal personal requirements to be an Agricultural Farm Hand include:

- > Enjoy practical work
- > Able to cope with the physical demands of the job
- > Able to undertake manual and heavy work
- > Able to handle animals with confidence and patience
- > Enjoy working outdoors
- > Able to work for long hours and in all kinds of weather conditions
- > Able to work both in a team and with limited social contact
- > Mechanical aptitude



How can I do a traineeship? Talk to your local RSW representative.

email: info@readysetwork.com.au
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Sources include
www.jobguide.thegoodguides.com.au