



CAREER PROFILES

Agricultural Service Contractors, Farm Supervisors, and Specialized Livestock Workers:

Agricultural Service Contractors, who own and operate their own businesses, provide agricultural services such as livestock and poultry breeding, soil preparation, crop planting, crop spraying, cultivating, or harvesting. **Farm Supervisors** supervise the work of general farm workers and harvesting labourers. **Specialized Livestock Workers** carry out feeding, health, and breeding programs on dairy, beef, sheep, poultry, hog, and other livestock farms.

Wage/Salary Information:

\$26,150 is the median annual salary found in local job-postings.

\$17.35/hour is the median wage reported locally.

Commonly Listed Skills in Job Postings:

- Quality control
- Detail oriented
- Problem solving
- Teamwork
- Critical thinking
- Record keeping
- Time management
- Numeracy
- Oral and written communication
- Customer relations
- Preventative maintenance
- Management
- Manual dexterity
- Microsoft Office
- Heavy equipment operation
- Organizational skills
- Teamwork
- Computer use
- Work independently
- Self-motivated
- Forklift driving

Job Duties:

Agricultural Service Contractors provide agricultural livestock services such as artificial insemination, spraying or shearing of livestock, or disinfecting pens, barns, or poultry houses. Agricultural Service Contractors provide agricultural crop services such as plowing, irrigating,

cultivating, spraying, or harvesting and assist in the development and implementation of farm safety and bio-security procedures. They hire and train workers and negotiate the terms of services to be provided. Agricultural Service Contractors also maintain financial and operation records and may participate in the provision of services or in the operation of machinery and equipment.

Farm Supervisors co-ordinate, assign, and supervise the work of general farm workers and harvesting labourers. Farm Supervisors supervise and oversee breeding and other livestock-related programs and supervise, monitor, and enforce procedures to maintain animal and crop health and welfare. They supervise and oversee growing and other crop-related operations and supervise maintenance of infrastructure, equipment, and supplies. Farm Supervisors also ensure farm safety, food safety, and security and bio-security are followed and maintain quality control and production records.

Specialized Livestock Workers formulate feeding programs and implement pasture or pen breeding programs. Specialized Livestock Workers perform general farm duties and follow safety and bio-security procedures. They recognize and treat certain livestock health problems and maintain livestock performance records. Specialized Livestock Workers also select livestock for sale, train horses, and may supervise general farm workers.

Working Conditions:

Work takes place in a controlled indoor setting, however in some areas temperatures may vary.

Work also takes place outdoors in various weather conditions.

Workers may also be exposed to infectious bacteria and viruses as a result of treating sick animals.

Working with equipment, instruments, machinery or power/hand tools can be a source of injury.

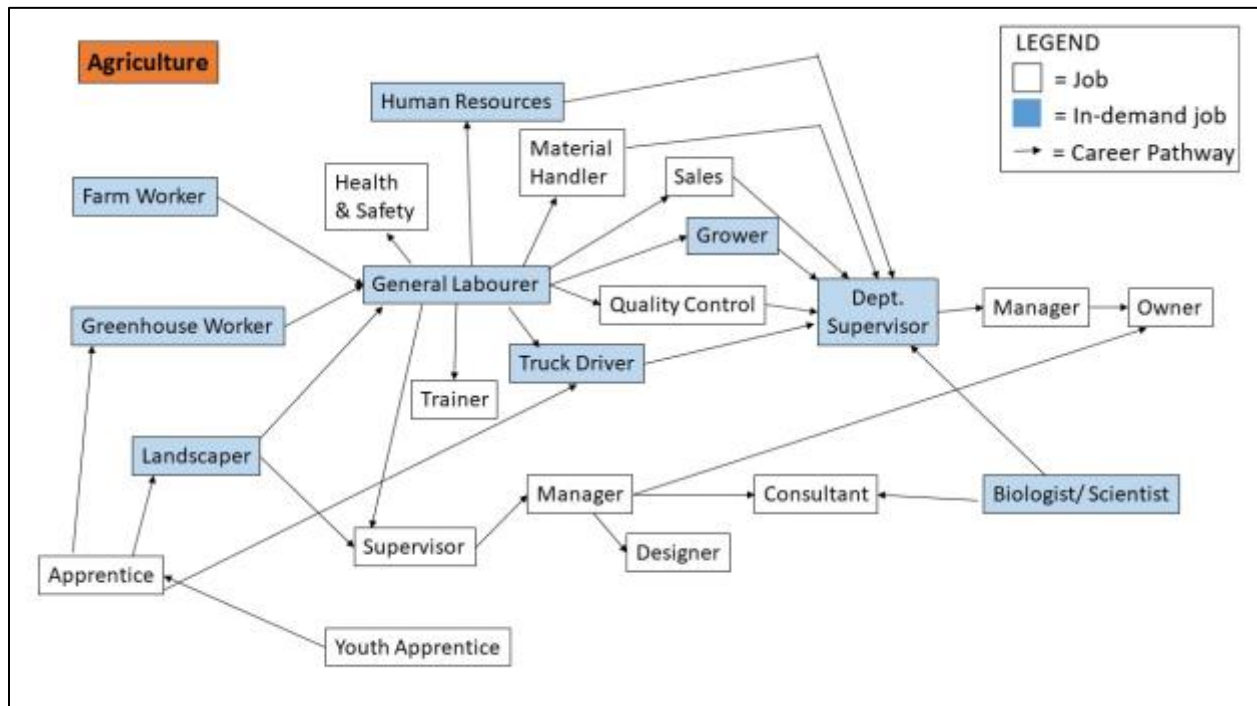
The workplace may contain strong odours.

Career Pathways:

The specific type of work done on a farm by this group of workers will depend on the training an individual has received. For example, Agricultural Technicians will handle various agricultural chemicals and solutions that they have been trained how to handle safely. Another example would be Horse Trainers, who are responsible for the overall health and performance of horses in their care. Jobs across this working group vary greatly

This working group is employed on various types of farms. Below are potential career pathways for Agricultural Service Contractors, Farm Supervisors, and Specialized Livestock Workers:

- Artificial Inseminator
- Cattle Herdsperson
- Crop Dusting Contractor
- Custom Combine Operator
- Dairy Farm Foreman/Woman
- Egg Grading Station Manager
- Farm Irrigating System Contractor
- Farm Supervisor
- Fruit Farm Foreman/Woman
- Grain Custom Harvester
- Herd Attendant
- Herdsperson
- Horse Trainer
- Planting and Cultivation Contractor
- Shepherd
- Soil Preparation Contractor
- Tobacco Farm Foreman/Woman
- Vineyard Foreman/Woman



Education and Training Pathways:

If you're interested in becoming an Agricultural Service Contractor, Farm Supervisor, and/or Specialized Livestock Worker, you can acquire training/education locally at any of the following institutions.

[University of Windsor:](#)

Environmental Science

Admission Requirements:

- Requirements for Environmental Studies: ENG4U required;
- Requirements for Environmental Science:
 - Minimum admissions average: 70%
 - Mean Admissions Average: 84%
 - Requirements:
ENG4U, MHF4U, SCH4U, and SBI4U required
MCV4U is strongly recommended
SPH4U is recommended

Academic Credential: Degree - Bachelor of Environmental Science or Environmental Studies

Professional Certification: Unknown

Attendance: In-person

Full-time or Part-time: Full-time

Program Length: 4 years

Program Cycle: Intake for Fall, Winter, Summer

Program Cost: *\$8021.26

OSAP Eligible: Yes

Location: 401 Sunset Avenue, Windsor, N9B 3P4

For more information on this program, please visit:

<http://www1.uwindsor.ca/ees/>

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