

Agri-business



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JESS EDWARDS, *Mountain Blue*
Qualifications
Certificate III in Horticulture

Entry Level

"I love that I'm working outside all the time with plants. I like the problem solving when coming across something new and the range of different jobs. I find it a really rewarding job. It offers a chance to connect with nature and have a meaningful impact."

QUALIFICATIONS

On the job training
Certificate I or II
Apprenticeship or traineeship

SKILLS

Reliable
Hardworking
Good communication
Ability to learn new skills
Physically capable
Practical hands-on skills
Aptitude for machinery

JOBS

Farm worker
Nursery person
Fruit/nut/vegetable picker
Fishing hand
Dairy hand
Forestry worker
Fencer
Fruit, vegetable, meat packer
Groundskeeper
Tractor operator



KALANI MOSS, *Casino Food Co-op*
Qualifications
Certificate IV in Meat Processing (Quality Assurance)

Vocational & Trades Qualification

"I never intended to work in the agriculture sector, it was purely a short-term job, however, I can now see a career path for myself that I never knew existed and wish more young people were aware of the opportunities. From working with the farmers and suppliers to liaising with The Department of Agriculture and overseas customers there is never the same day twice."

QUALIFICATIONS

On the job training
Certificate III through to Advanced Diploma
Apprenticeship

SKILLS

Specialised knowledge of the industry
Good interpersonal skills
Good decision-making and problem solving skills
Critical thinking and ability to work in a fast-paced environment
Knowledge and understanding of standards and regulations
Physically capable
Able to operate machinery

JOBS

Nursery person
Arborist
Apiarist (beekeeper)
Horse trainer/farrier/riding instructor
Horticulturist
Technical officer
Agricultural technician
Quality assurance officer
Quarantine officer
Inspector
Bush regenerator



LUCY ANDREWS, *Macadamias Direct*
Qualifications
Bachelor of Food Science & Human Nutrition

Degree Qualified

"I would advocate a career in agriculture to young people because of the diverse career paths the industry offers. There are so many different roles within the industry, which prior to starting my career, I was unaware of. With new technologies and advancements in science, agriculture is a great place for young people to start and grow their careers in."

QUALIFICATIONS

Cert IV or higher
Bachelor Degree
Post Graduate Degree
On the Job Training

SKILLS

Industry experience
Critical thinking
Leadership
Strategy and planning
Statistical data analysis
Logistics
Ability to operate machinery
Knowledge of legislation and industry safety standards
Technology adept

JOBS

Farmer/Farm manager: livestock, crops, orchard or mixed
Grower: broad acre crops, vegetables, flowers, turf
Forestry plantation coordinator
Quality assurance manager
Agronomist
Agricultural engineer
Master fisher
Agricultural scientist
Agricultural consultant
Field officer
Agriculture teacher

Industry prospects



\$43,379
Annual median salary



2.1% **78,867**
Size of industry: employed



69% male
Opportunities for female workers



49 hours
Average weekly (fulltime)



60%
Workers are fulltime



3.35% growth
Projected industry growth



28%
Positions are entry level



8.3% workers
aged 15-24

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Agriculture in the Northern Rivers

Active in all Councils of Ballina, Byron, Clarence Valley, Kyogle, Lismore, Richmond Valley and Tweed

TOP INDUSTRY SECTORS

(by Gross Value of Production)
Fruit & nuts, beef, broadacre crops, dairy, nurseries, cut flowers or cultivated turf

3rd largest export industry in the region

\$2.4 billion industry
Employing 6,577

- High demand for degree qualified candidates
- Recruitment through online job boards, word of mouth and social media
- Comprehensive and diverse supply of support services and infrastructure in close proximity to transport, logistics and warehousing
- Value adding opportunities
- Climate, location and marketing advantages

Useful links

Agribusiness Australia:
agribusiness.asn.au/about-us/overview

AgriFutures Australia: agrifutures.com.au

Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry: agriculture.gov.au/abares

NSW Department of Primary Industries:
dpi.nsw.gov.au

Career Harvest: careerharvest.com.au

My Future: myfuture.edu.au/industries/details/agriculture-forestry-and-fishing#essentials

Harvest Trail: dewr.gov.au/harvest-trail

Jobs Northern Rivers: jobsnorthernrivers

Skills NSW: education.nsw.gov.au/skills-nsw/apprentices-and-trainees

Skills Road: skillsroad.com.au

Skills one TV: skillsone.com.au