



Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Career Ladder

Now

Less than high school + work experience, on-the-job training, or apprenticeship; or High school diploma/equivalent

| Occupation | Entry Wage | Average Wage | Annual Openings |
|---|------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Farm Equipment Mechanics and Service Technicians | \$13.65 | \$19.94 | 214 |
| Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant and System Operators | \$15.03 | \$20.90 | 89 |
| Agricultural Equipment Operators | \$13.93 | \$17.24 | 527 |
| Nonfarm Animal Caretakers | \$9.88 | \$12.37 | 338 |
| Refuse and Recyclable Material Collectors | \$11.70 | \$15.65 | 179 |

Next

Some college, no degree; Postsecondary non-degree award; Associate degree; or Bachelor's degree

| Occupation | Entry Wage | Average Wage | Annual Openings |
|---|------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Soil and Plant Scientists | \$16.97 | \$32.98 | 104 |
| Agricultural and Food Science Technicians | \$14.13 | \$20.92 | 70 |
| Food Scientists and Technologists | \$23.45 | \$34.85 | 57 |
| Biological Technicians | \$13.94 | \$19.84 | 48 |
| Environmental Engineers | \$28.62 | \$40.82 | 32 |

Later

Bachelor's degree + on-the-job training, work experience, or internship/residency; Master's degree; or Doctoral/professional degree

| Occupation | Entry Wage | Average Wage | Annual Openings |
|---|------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Buyers and Purchasing Agents, Farm Products | \$18.89 | \$33.76 | 81 |
| Natural Sciences Managers | \$29.95 | \$48.77 | 21 |

More data can be found at NEworks.nebraska.gov; click *Labor Market Analysis*.

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Entry-level wages are defined as the average (mean) wage earned by the lowest third of all workers in the selected occupation.
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