



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	Average Wage	Annual Openings
Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant and System Operators	\$19.90	25
Farm Equipment Mechanics and Service Technicians	\$19.21	62
Refuse and Recyclable Material Collectors	\$14.72	41
Agricultural Equipment Operators	\$16.16	124
Nonfarm Animal Caretakers	\$11.96	68

Next

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

Occupation	Average Wage	Annual Openings
Environmental Engineers	\$38.17	30
Soil and Plant Scientists	\$32.05	28
Zoologists and Wildlife Biologists	\$28.56	7
Environmental Engineering Technicians	\$20.18	14
Biological Technicians	\$19.40	20

Later

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

Occupation	Average Wage	Annual Openings
Natural Sciences Managers	\$47.62	5
Buyers and Purchasing Agents, Farm Products	\$32.76	22

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

Equal Opportunity Program/Employer TDD: 800.833.7352

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Wages from Occupational Employment Statistics, 2nd Quarter 2016

Annual openings from 2014-2024

Long-term Occupational Projections

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