

Careers in Dairy

Here's what you might like to know if you want to be a
Veterinarian (Livestock)



Veterinarians enjoy:

- Working with farmers to implement their animal health and nutrition plans
- Providing advice to farmers
- Treating livestock and ensuring their wellbeing
- Taking samples and analysing results
- Working outdoors

Did you know: Animal health and welfare is essential for the sustainability of Australian agriculture. Veterinarians add value on Australian farms by providing advice on a range of health-related issues, from nutrition to infection prevention and control. In addition, veterinarians play a key role in disease surveillance, helping to maintain Australia's favourable disease status for our trade export markets.

What do Veterinarians do throughout the day?

- Attend scheduled visits to farms
- Investigate animal health issues
- Make decisions and advise farmers on animal health and disease control
- Prescribe animal treatments
- Attend industry events

How can I become a Veterinarian?

- The most basic requirement to become a vet in Australia is to get a bachelor's degree in veterinary science. An alternative option is to opt for another medical-related or science undergraduate course, and then a doctoral degree in veterinary science.

Skills

The skills you need to be an Veterinarian include:

- Physical strength
- Excellent communication skills
- Good organisational skills
- Excellent record keeping skills

Want to know more?

Contact your nearest rural veterinarian and ask if you can do work experience with them.