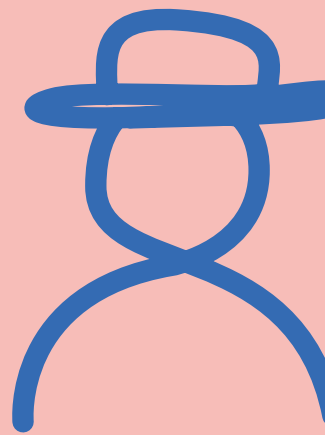


Careers in Dairy

Here's what you might like to know if you want to be a
Dairy farmhand



Dairy farmhands usually enjoy:

- Working outside
- Physical work
- Working with animals, pastures, crops and machinery
- Working within a team

Did you know: Dairy farmhands are paid under the Pastoral Award and can work their way up to gain skills and knowledge to progress onto a career as a Senior Farmhand or Dairy Farm Manager.

What do Dairy farmhands do throughout the day?

- Milk, feed and look after cows
- Clean plant and equipment
- Rear calves
- Fertilise, sow and harvest crops
- Farm maintenance
- Routine checks of plant, equipment and machinery

How can I become a dairy farmhand?

- Do work experience on a dairy farm
- Enrol in VET or VCAL at school
- Complete a traineeship in a Certificate in Agriculture
- Contact local dairy farmers or a dairy industry body and ask about jobs on a dairy farm

Skills

The skills and knowledge you can learn as a dairy farmhand will assist you with career progression. You can learn technical skills such how to harvest milk, care for animals, work with machinery, grow and harvest quality crops – to name a few!

You can learn personal skills such as , communication, teamwork (depending on the size of the farm), empathy for animals and people – the list goes on!

If a future employer sees “dairy farm” on your resume, they will know that you are capable of being on time, working physically and caring for livestock.

The main skills you need to become a dairy farmhand are enthusiasm and the ability to listen and learn. If you are willing to listen and learn, you can be taught the on-farm skills that you need to be a great dairy farmhand and work your way up to become a dairy farm manager.