

Careers in and Related to the Dairy Industry

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Farm

- Agriculture Workers (Milker, Feeder)
- Agriculture Equipment Operator
- Farm Manager
- Herd Manager
- Equipment Manager
- Agriculture Inspector
- Veterinarian and Technician
- Animal Caretaker
- Animal Nutritionist
- Breeding Technician

Processing

- Truck Driver
- Packer
- Food Quality and Safety Specialist
- Milk Tester
- Milk Processor
- Maintenance and Repair Technician
- Mechanical Engineer

Food Science

- Food Scientist
- Food Engineer
- Product Developer
- Sensory Scientist
- Food Chemist
- Food Safety Research
- Quality Assurance

Retail

- Store Director
- Store Manager
- Grocery Department Manager
- Grocery Store Stocker
- Customer Service

Nutrition

- Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (credentialed)
- Nutritionist
- Nutrition Educator
- Program Manager
- Project Manager
- Director of Food Operations, Nutrition Services, or State Nutrition Programs

Food Service

- School Foodservice Director
- School Meal Professional
- Chef and Cook
- Food Sales Representative
- Hospitality Specialist

Education

- Teacher (Agriculture, Culinary, Nutrition)
- Professor
- Researcher
- Advisor (Future Farmers of America)
- 4-H Program Manager
- Curriculum Developer

Government Agency Employers (Federal, State, Regional, and Local Levels)

- Agriculture Marketing Service
- California Department of Food and Agriculture
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Farm Bureau
- US Food and Drug Administration
- US Department of Agriculture
- Public Health Department

Marketing

- Advertising
- Social Media Manager
- Event Coordinator
- Sales Representative
- Journalist

Technology

- Programming
- Coding
- App Developer
- Website Designer

Business

- Ag Business Accountant
- Human Resources
- Industrial Relations
- Payroll Officer



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Job Profile Examples

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Dairy Farmer

- Responsibilities: feeding; maintenance; paying bills and employees
- Education: dairy work experience; bachelor's degree in ag business or animal science
- Pay: \$21.62/hour

Milker

- Responsibilities: milking all the cows on the dairy and making sure they are healthy; keeping the milk parlor clean and sanitized
- Education: none, teachable position; dairy work experience preferred
- Pay: \$15.50/hour

Milk Truck Driver

- Responsibilities: working with dairymen and milkers; testing milk, collecting data, transporting milk
- Education: Class A driver's license
- Pay: \$78,000/year

Dairy Lab Technician

- Responsibilities: collecting and testing samples; data collection and reporting to government agencies; operation of laboratory equipment
- Education: bachelor's degree in food science, microbiology, or biology or 2 years related experience
- Pay: \$24.74/hour

Grocery Store Associate Employee

- Responsibilities: stocking the refrigeration shelves and dry shelves; checking out customers
- Education: not required
- Pay: \$15.50/hour

Dairy Processing Plant Employee

- Responsibilities: working and maintaining equipment used for pasteurization and homogenization; sanitation of equipment
- Education: none; must be 18+ years old
- Pay: \$20/hour

Refrigeration Truck Driver

- Responsibilities: fulfilling orders for stores, loading and unloading cold items, collecting milk crates
- Education: Class C driver's license; 1 year experience driving 14-foot refrigeration trucks
- Pay: \$20/hour

* Pay information from indeed.com as of October 2023.



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