ANTICIPATING FUTURE SKILLS Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing



The Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing industry is mainly engaged in growing crops, raising animals, growing and harvesting timber, and harvesting fish and other animals from farms or their natural habitats. It also includes **Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing** Support Services such as reafforestation, shearing and aerial crop spraying.

By 2024-25, it is projected that there will be:

people employed in 87,655 people employed in Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing in Queensland

+8,788 additional people employed since 2020-21

By 2024-25, the four largest Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing subdivisions will be:

Subdivision	People employed	% of industry workforce	Change from 2020-21	Largest occupational groupings
Sheep, Beef Cattle and Grain Farming	45,597	52.0	112.6% (+5,113 people)	 Livestock Farmers Mixed Crop and Livestock Farmers Livestock Farm Workers
Fruit and Tree Nut Growing	9,370	10.7	†9.1% (+781 people)	 Crop Farm Workers Crop Farmers Packers
Other Crop Growing	6,046	6.9	↑17.4% (+897 people)	Orop Farmers Agricultural, Forestry and Horticultural Plant Operators Crop Farm Workers
Mushroom and Vegetable Growing	5,643	6.4	↓1.7% (-95 people)	 Crop Farm Workers Crop Farmers Packers

The Anticipating Future Skills project provides employment projections for Queensland between 2020-21 and 2024-25, enabling Queenslanders to identify job opportunities across industries, occupations and regions.

As these projections are high level and indicative, it is recommended that the focus be on employment trends rather than the numbers in isolation.

By 2024-25, employment in Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing is projected to grow at a rate above the state average.

Accomodation and Food Services	18.5%
Health Care and Social Assistance	16.7%
Financial and Insurance Services	15.0%
Mining	14.5%
Education and Training	13.9%
Retail Trade	13.1%
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	12.8%
Other Services	11.5%
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	11.1%
Wholesale Trade	11.1%
All Industries	10.9%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	10.6%
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	8.3%
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	6.3%
Construction	6.0%
Public Administration and Safety	5.5%
Information, Media and Telecommunications	4.8%
Arts and Recreation Services	4.6%
Administration and Support Services	4.2%
Manufacturing	1.0%

By 2024-25, one in three workers in Outback-South will be employed in this industry.

Region	New jobs in 2024-25	% of regional workforce
Brisbane	283	0.3%
Cairns	701	5.6%
Darling Downs - Maranoa	2,041	26.0%
Central Queensland	831	6.1%
Gold Coast	225	0.6%
lpswich	634	3.1%
Logan - Beaudesert	261	1.6%
Mackay -Isaac-Whitsundays	563	5.5%
Moreton Bay - North	294	3.1%

Region	New jobs in 2024-25	% of regional workforce
Moreton Bay - South	36	0.5%
Far North	127	10.4%
Outback - North	202	7.0%
Outback - South	354	33.2%
Sunshine Coast	362	1.8%
Toowoomba	350	4.1%
Townsville	413	3.4%
Wide Bay	1,111	9.2%

