

CAREER FACT SHEET

Forestry and Logging Workers

Snapshot

Forestry and Logging Workers perform routine tasks associated in cultivating and maintaining natural and plantation forests, and logging, felling and sawing trees.

How many are employed in this occupation?	710
What are the average weekly earnings for full time workers?	\$1,031
How does unemployment compare with other occupations?	Average
What are the job prospects for this occupation?	Low
What will be the likely future employment growth for the next five years?	Relatively Steady

Main employing industries

Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Administrative and Support Services; Mining; Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services

Tasks

This occupation may include associated occupations with varying tasks.

- maintaining forest roads, buildings, facilities, signs and equipment
- killing weeds, felling and de-barking non-productive trees and thinning young plantations
- collecting seeds, and cultivating and planting seedlings for reforestation purposes
- applying fertilisers, insecticides and herbicides to individual trees and general forest areas
- maintaining look-out for fires in forests
- removing major branches and tree tops, trimming branches and sawing trunks into logs
- assisting with loading and transporting logs
- planning the felling of trees and determining the natural and intended fall of each tree
- clearing surrounding area of saplings and debris prior to tree-felling
- operating and maintaining manual and machine saws to fell trees and to cut felled trees into logs.\

INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing

If you're interested in working in the great outdoors on tasks such as cultivating plants, testing soil PH levels, diving for lobsters, or raising livestock, then you should investigate a career in Australia's Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing industry. The Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing industry employs a huge number of people in the many roles associated with the supply of fresh and frozen produce and timber to both local and overseas markets. The sheep, beef cattle and grain sectors are Australia's top producers however, there are many other types of farming, such as aquaculture and hydroponics, offering career pathways in a number of specialised areas. The forestry and fishing industries also employ a huge number of people in a range of occupations both directly and indirectly in supporting Australian forests and fisheries.

Possible job pathways

- Agricultural Consultant
- Agricultural Scientist
- Aquaculture Farmer & Workers
- Stock and Station Agent
- Mixed Crop and Livestock Farm Worker
- Meat Inspector
- Quarantine Officer
- Primary Products Inspectors



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