

NWI Career Cluster Overview

Agribusiness Occupations



NWI Jobs Now (2019)	Projected NWI New Jobs through 2024	NWI Wage Range (excludes benefits)
4,871	289	\$9-\$48/hr

What would I be doing? Agribusiness occupations involve all those who work with tending plant life, from growing food at a farm or garden to designing, implementing, and maintaining beautiful landscapes at public and private facilities.

How much money could I be earning? Agribusiness occupations range from entry-level positions where you'll learn your skills up to supervisory positions that can earn as much as \$35 an hour. Specialized Pesticide Handlers can earn up to \$48 an hour.

Where would I be working? Agribusiness occupations work on farms, in nurseries, and anywhere else that people have grounds or lawns that need care.

Is this a growing field? This field is expected to grow 6% in Northwest Indiana through 2024, adding 289 new jobs over that time.

What skills should I have? To work in this field, it's key that you enjoy nurturing plant life and like working outside. Tasks will frequently be labor-intensive and you may often work alone or in small teams. Being able to follow and give directions so inventory and grounds receive consistent care or maintenance is also important.

What education or training do I need? To get started, many of these occupations require only on-the-job training. But without either experience or further education , it's hard to get ahead. WorkOne can help with training and scholarships so you can achieve your goal.



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Job Title	NWI Earnings Range	Education and/or Training Required	NWI Jobs (2019)
Pesticide Handlers & Applicators	\$12-\$48/hr	High school diploma or HSE, moderate-term OJT	87
Landscaping & Groundskeeping Workers	\$8-\$19/hr	Short-term OJT	2,832
Agricultural and Food Science Technicians	\$14-\$30/hr	Associate's degree	23
First-Line Supervisors of Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Workers	\$14-\$35/hr	High school diploma or HSE, <5 years of experience	132
Agricultural Equipment Operators	\$9-\$23/hr	High school diploma or HSE, short-term OJT	165
First-Line Supervisor of Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers	\$9-\$35/hr	High school diploma or HSE, 5+ years of experience	208
Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse	\$9-\$17/hr	High school diploma or HSE, short-term OJT	983
Farmworkers, Farm, Ranch, and Aquacultural Animals	\$9-\$17/hr	High school diploma or HSE, short-term OJT	392
Graders and Sorters	\$8-\$18/hr	High school diploma or HSE, short-term OJT	49

What else will my employer expect? According to our survey of 100 area employers, the top ten traits that they expect of their employees are:

1. Have a positive attitude
2. Work well with others
3. Follow directions
4. Show up on time
5. Recognize problems and find solutions
6. Manage time effectively
7. Apply good listening skills
8. Be honest and dependable
9. Pass a drug or background test
10. Dress properly and practice good grooming

Sounds great, so what's my next step? WorkOne NWI is your one-stop resource to move forward in your job search and career development, offering the tools and support you need including:

- Skills assessment
- Resume and cover letter writing assistance
- High school equivalency (HSE) prep and testing
- Training programs and workshops
- Access to training scholarships and grants

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