

## Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing

# What you need to know



Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing includes growing crops, raising animals, growing and harvesting timber, fish and other animals and relevant production support services for the industry.

**Occupations include:** Crop Farmer, Mixed Crop and Livestock Farmer, Agronomist, Arborist, Sawmill or Timber Yard Worker, Forestry Worker and Aquaculture Workers.

## OUTLOOK

Over the next five years, about **14,500 employees<sup>1</sup>** are forecast to be needed in the Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing industry, including:

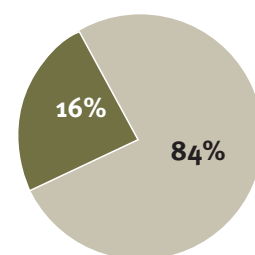
- 4450 Crop Farmers
- 1550 Mixed Crop and Livestock farmers
- Demand for Livestock Farmers is forecast to decline by 1050 over the next five years

## Current Skills Shortages:

- Agricultural Consultant
- Agricultural Scientist
- Arborist

## FAST FACTS

- Contributed \$8.2 billion (three per cent) to the Victorian economy in 2012-13
- Anticipated growth of 4%
- 46,100 businesses in Victoria
- Employs 79,000 people in Victoria
- Employment has declined by approximately 1% over the past five years
- About 90 per cent are employed in Agriculture and 7 per cent are employed in Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing Support Services
- 16 per cent of people are employed in metropolitan Melbourne
- 84 per cent of people are employed in regional Victoria



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 Employed in regional Victoria

## FINDING A JOB

Deciding what career is best for you can be a complex process. A professional careers practitioner can assist. There are a range of training opportunities available across Victoria to help you develop the skills needed to find a job in the Agricultural, Forestry and Fishing industry. Government financial support may be available to eligible students under the Victorian Training Guarantee.

**Notes:** Economic and employment data are sourced from the Australian Bureau of Statistics and the Centre of Policy Studies, Victoria University. Occupations experiencing skills shortages are sourced from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's 2014 Victorian Skills Shortage List.

[1] This includes growth in overall employment as well as replacement of workers who exit the industry.