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Description:

Managers oversee the preparation, tillage, planting, fertilizing, pruning, cultivation, spraying, harvesting operation of a crop farm and ensures that product is properly transported, packaged, and stored. Most managers oversee a crew of skilled workers that perform these duties. Managers often analyze market conditions to determine acreage allocations, confer with purchasers and arrange for crop sales, record production information, streamline farm management practices, and prepare financial and operational reports.

Median Wage (as of 2006):

(Wages range depending on operations & number of workers under supervision)

Entry level worker - \$51,530

Experienced worker - \$96,330

Level of Education:

High school diploma, On-the-job training, A.A.S./ A.S. (required), B.S. (required for most positions)

Job Outlook (through 2016):

High replacement needs for retiring farmers; Job growth 1%

Examples of Colleges & Affiliated Programs:

Cornell University - Plant Science; Crop and Soil Sciences; Applied Economics and Management; Human Resource Management; Animal Science

Alfred State (SUNY) - Agricultural Science; Agricultural Business; General Agriculture

SUNY Cobleskill - Agricultural Business Management; Plant Science; Agricultural Equipment Technology; Agricultural Biotechnology; Business Administration

Morrisville State College (SUNY) - Agricultural Business; Agricultural Mechanics; Environmental and Natural Resources Conservation

SUNY Environmental Science & Forestry - Conservation Biology; Environmental Biology; Environmental Science

Paul Smith's College - Natural Resources: Management and Policy; Biology: Conservation Science

Employers:

Agricultural Management/Placement Services - Hansen Agri-Placement Services; Agra Placements, Ltd.; Agricultural Consulting Services, LLC

Individual farms

High School/College Courses to Take:

Mathematics, Human Resource Management, Economics, Plant Sciences, Crop and Soil Sciences, Environmental Sciences Technology, Machinery Maintenance, Accounting, Oral and Written Communication, Spanish

Related Professions:

Industrial Production Manager, Agricultural Engineer, Purchasing Agents, Dairy Farm Manager



Cornell University