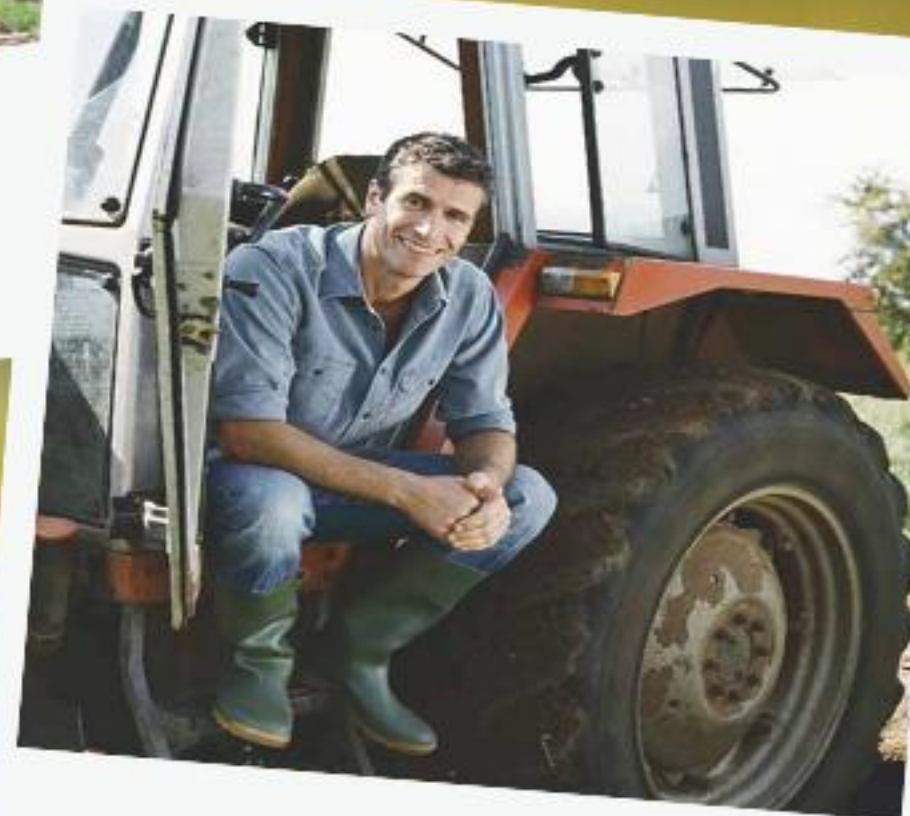


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WHO ARE THEY?

General farm workers plant, cultivate and harvest crops, raise livestock and poultry and maintain and repair farm equipment and buildings.

This group includes operators of farm machinery.

General farm workers are employed on crop, livestock, fruit, vegetable and specialty farms.



MAIN DUTIES



Plant, fertilize, cultivate, spray, irrigate and harvest crops

Feed and tend livestock and poultry

Milk cows

Operate and maintain farm machinery and equipment

Detect disease and health problems in crops, livestock and poultry

Examine produce for quality and prepare for market

Set and monitor water lines, air flow and temperature in barns, pens and chicken coops

Clean stables, barns, barnyards and pens.



General farm workers can become specialized in a particular type of crop or livestock production through experience.

EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS

There are no specific education or training requirements.

However, a college certificate or specialized courses related to farming, such as farm equipment mechanics, agricultural welding, tree pruning and pesticide application, are available.

Basic farm knowledge, usually obtained from working on a family farm, may be required for employment.

A course or certificate in first aid may be required.





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