

## SECTOR PROFILE

# Agriculture

## Top 3 Soft Skills

**Detail oriented:** Detail oriented individuals pay careful attention to all aspects of a given task, ensuring that nothing is overlooked and that all components of the task are properly completed. Such individuals work through each project carefully and methodically.

**Team player:** A good team player in the workplace is someone who listens to and engages with the ideas of others; someone who is capable of working with others to complete a task, and can effectively resolve interpersonal conflicts when they arise.

**Dependability:** Dependability refers to an employee's ability to show up for work reliably and complete tasks consistently within a given timeframe. A dependable employee will not need to be repeatedly reminded about deadlines, and can be counted upon to complete assigned work.

## Top 3 Jobs in Sector

**General farm workers (NOC 8431):** 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. 50% of in-demand foundational skills are characterized as soft skills.

**Managers in agriculture (NOC 0821):** Managers in agriculture plan, organize, direct, control and evaluate the operations and functions of farms. They are responsible for growing crops, raising and breeding livestock, poultry and other animals and marketing farm products. Managers in this unit group usually own and operate their own establishment. 70% of in-demand foundational skills are characterized as soft skills.

**Agricultural service contractors (NOC 8252):** Agricultural service contractors, who own and operate their own businesses, provide agricultural services such as livestock and poultry breeding, soil preparation, crop planting, crop spraying, cultivating or harvesting. Farm supervisors supervise the work of general farm workers and harvesting labourers. Specialized livestock workers carry out feeding, health and breeding programs on dairy, beef, sheep, poultry, swine and other livestock farms. 80% of in-demand foundational skills are characterized as soft skills.

