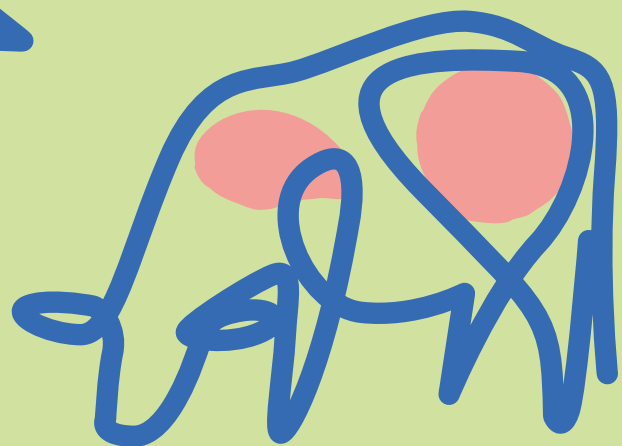
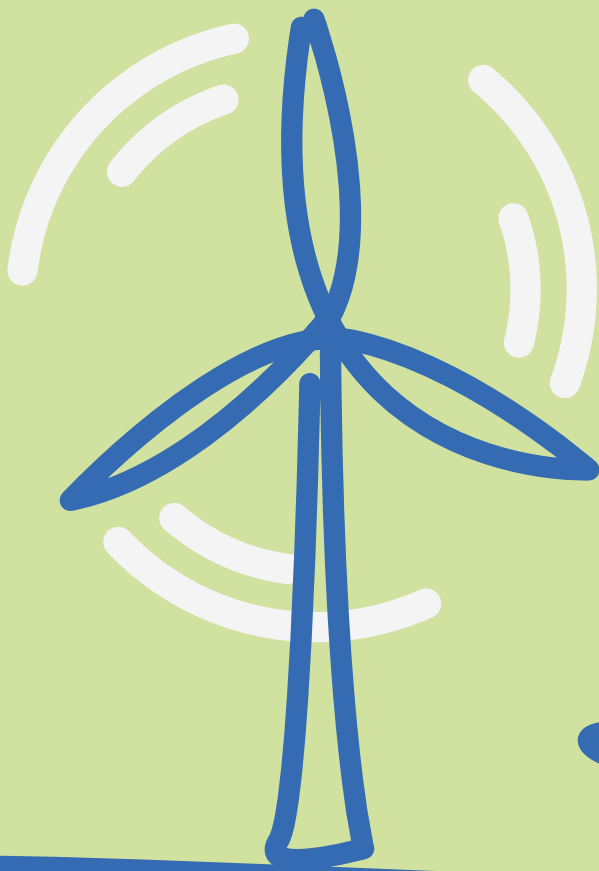


# Careers in the dairy industry.



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# Find Your Future And Join The Australian Dairy Industry

Dairy farms are an essential service that produce quality food for the world. There are casual, part-time and fulltime jobs currently available on dairy farms.

Whether you're finishing school and not sure what to do next, keen to make some extra cash while you figure out your next move, learn a new skill, take a gap year or explore regional, working on dairy could be the career for you!

## You May Already Have The Skills We Need

You may have technical or generic skills from previous work experience or hobbies that would be highly valued and easily adapted to a dairy farm.

### Hard skills

- Working with livestock
- Pasture management
- Vehicle or machinery maintenance
- Computer software

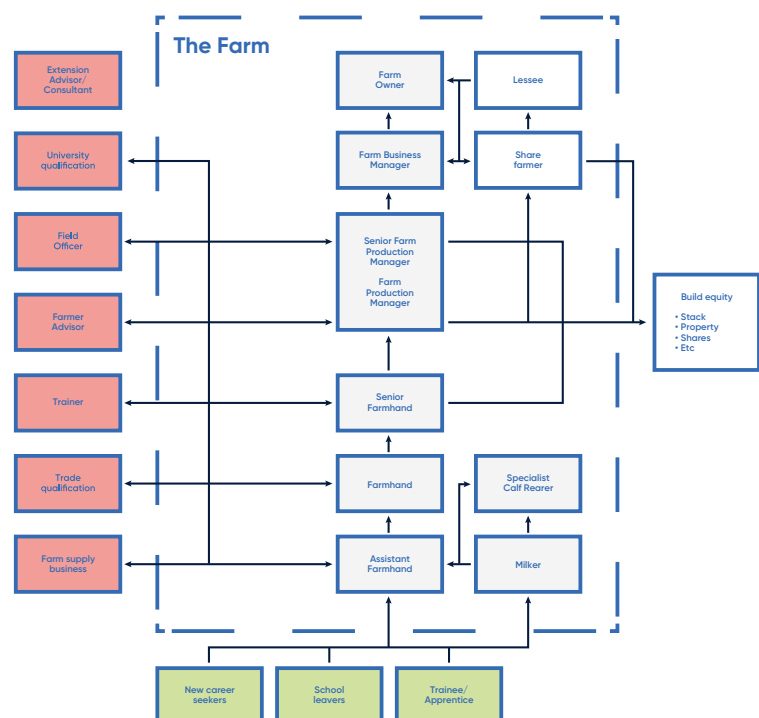
### Soft skills

- Problem solving
- Teamwork
- Flexibility
- Time management

## Discover Dairy Pathways

Experience on a dairy farm can lead to a rewarding career and pathways to many other industry careers.

Plan Your Dairy Career Path with our Stepping Stones to a Career in Dairy Resource <https://thepeopleindairy.org.au/planning-for-the-future/stepping-stones/>









# What's Involved



**Working on a dairy farm provides lots of job task variation depending on the season.**

**One of the most important aspects is being on time for work because the farm works around milking, feeding and health routines to ensure the welfare and wellbeing of the herd.**

**Dairy farms provide on the job training for tasks such as milking, cleaning, feeding calves and livestock, animal health routines and farm maintenance.**

## Learning Skills On The Job

Never worked on a farm before? Not sure if you've got the skills or expertise? Dairy Australia provides a range of industry training and learning activities across all dairy regions for farmers and their employees to develop skills and capability in specific technical areas of expertise.

- You can access free online pre-employment programs such as Safety on a Dairy Farm and Working With Livestock. To register just send an email titled Pre-employment modules, with your first and last name and email address to: [elearning@dairyaustralia.com.au](mailto:elearning@dairyaustralia.com.au)
- Skills and training are a priority for the dairy industry, most job roles on dairy farms are eligible for an Australian apprenticeship pathway that requires work and study to complete an Agricultural qualification.
- <https://www.myskills.gov.au/courses/details?Code=AHC30221>
- <https://www.aapathways.com.au/job-pathways/job/ahc20116-certificate-ii-in-agriculture-assistant-dairy-farmhand/20d4a16b-0866-41c7-b1f1-77ca3836e750?parent=d406016d-551f-481d-a744-a23f79256c54>
- [https://www.dairyaustralia.com.au/resource-repository/2020/10/21/careers-in-the-dairy-industry#.YnxXP\\_NBzIV](https://www.dairyaustralia.com.au/resource-repository/2020/10/21/careers-in-the-dairy-industry#.YnxXP_NBzIV)
- Join the Young Dairy Network for support and to connect to other people that are new to the dairy industry. <https://www.dairyaustralia.com.au/about/who-we-are/dairy-australia-young-dairy-network#.Ymd2l2hBzIU>

## How To Apply For Dairy Farm Jobs

Dairy farms advertise their vacancies across a broad range of regional newspapers, social media and job sites depending on the region.

Sites and services to find dairy farm jobs include:

Dairy Jobs, Gumtree, Harvest Trail, Careerjet, Seek, Working for Victoria, Help Harvest NSW, Jobs in WA Food and Ag, Ag Careers, AgDraft or Face Book pages like Show Some #dairylove

Speak to recruitment companies and register your interest:

Dairy Jobs, CFM Dairy Recruitment, Agricultural Appointments, Westvic Staffing Solutions , AgriTalent or Jobactive , Jobsearch and Australian Job Network agencies

Visit <https://thepeopleindairy.org.au/get-employed/> for tips on how to prepare and apply for dairy farm jobs.

# Hear From The People On The Farm

Alexz Crawford  
Milker/Apprentice, Brundee NSW

**Alexz enjoys his job because every day is different. He believes to work on a farm, a person must have good communication skills, be reliable, responsible and open to learning.**

Alexz has a good working relationship with the Farm Owners and their three employees, whom he continues to learn from. In the second year of his apprenticeship, Alexz has completed a Certificate III of Dairy Production and recently commenced a Certificate IV and Diploma of Agriculture through Tocal Agricultural College. 'I study in a one week block, once every six weeks at college. It's both practical and theoretical – you're always learning and picking up new things.'

Natasha Jennings  
Relief Milker, Toolamba, Victoria

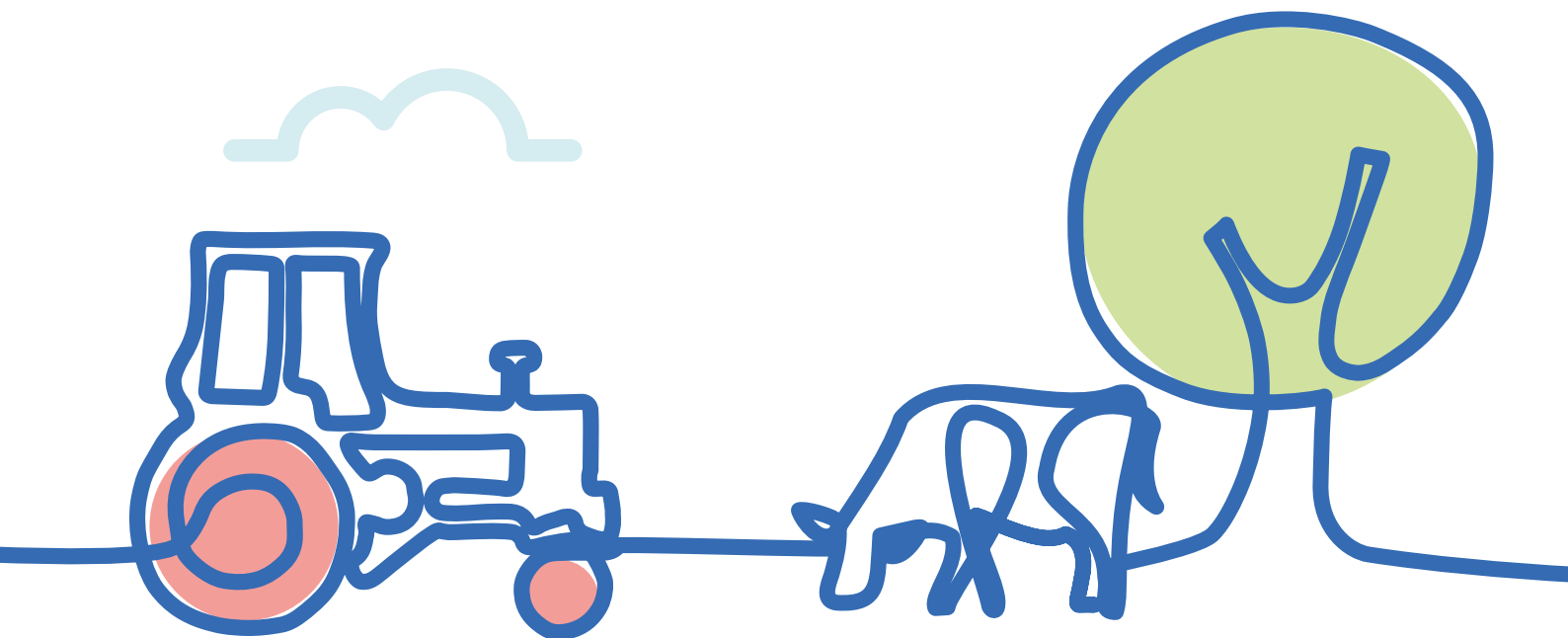
**'I'm proud of the work that I do. Dairy is an evolving industry – it takes hard work, a certain intellect and a passion for what you do.'**

Natasha loved visiting her neighbour's dairy, she enjoyed helping with calf feeding which led to being offered a job as a Relief Milker, 'I continued to milk most weekends during high school, on and off through university and in between traveling overseas.'

Kyella McKenna  
Farmhand, West Vic Dairy

**Having worked on-farm for the past four years, two of those whilst completing VCE and two further gap years, 19-year-old Kyella McKenna said, 'The most enjoyable parts of working on-farm for me are working with animals day-to-day, the rearing of calves as well as animal health and nutrition'**

'It is great to have learned about and actively take part in the various aspects to working on a dairy farm such as milking, working with the machinery and tractor work. I believe anyone can do what I have done. I don't have a farming background but took an interest in it and I'm now doing something I love.'







# Fast Dairy Facts.

**Milk, cheese, butter or butter blends and yoghurt are the main dairy products consumed by Australians.**

- In the last year, Australian dairy cows produced approximately 9 billion litres of milk.
- The Australian Dairy Industry employs over 42,000 people
- The dairy industry is committed through the Australian Dairy Industry Sustainability Framework to achieving the following goals by 2030:
  - Improve land management
  - Increase water use efficiency
  - Reduce greenhouse gas emissions intensity
  - Reduce waste

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