

Career Cluster 1

Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources

The production, processing, marketing, distribution, and development of agricultural commodities and resources including food, fiber, wood products, natural resources, horticulture, and other plant and animal products.

Holland Code	SOC Code	2018 Mean Wage	Occupation Title	2016 Est. Empl.	2026 Proj. Empl.	Education	Years work experience in a related occupation	On-the-job training
IRC	17-2081	\$84,478	Environmental Engineers	164	178	Bach	None	None
RIC	17-3025	\$57,781	Environmental Engineering Technicians	38	42	Assoc	None	None
IRA	19-1013	\$56,870	Soil and Plant Scientists	78	82	Bach	None	None
ERC	45-1011	\$54,779	First-Line Supervisors of Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Workers	194	189	HS	<5	None
RIC	19-4021	\$50,546	Biological Technicians	91	97	Bach	None	None
RCI	51-8031	\$45,964	Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant and System Operators	269	257	HS	None	LOJT
RCE	37-3013	\$44,529	Tree Trimmers and Pruners	31	34	HS	None	SOJT
RIC	19-4011	\$44,057	Agricultural and Food Science Technicians	46	46	Assoc	None	MOJT
RCE	37-2021	\$42,068	Pest Control Workers	218	233	HS	None	MOJT
RCE	53-7081	\$40,842	Refuse and Recyclable Material Collectors	492	531	NFE	None	SOJT
RCI	49-3041	\$37,799	Farm Equipment Mechanics and Service Technicians	187	193	HS	None	LOJT
IRC	19-4091	\$37,606	Environmental Science and Protection Technicians, Including Health	249	275	Assoc	None	None
RCE	45-2093	\$32,885	Farmworkers, Farm, Ranch, and Aquacultural Animals	1,322	1,245	NFE	None	SOJT
RCI	45-2092	\$28,392	Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse	1,524	1,433	NFE	None	SOJT
RCS	39-2021	\$24,807	Nonfarm Animal Caretakers	1,047	1,270	HS	None	SOJT

related classes

- Math
- Life Sciences
- Earth Sciences
- Chemistry
- Agriculture

hobbies, activities & groups

- Gardening
- Hunting / Fishing
- Recycling projects
- National FFA student organization
- Volunteering at an animal shelter
- 4-H program



NOTE: For more information about occupations, visit: O*NET OnLine at www.onetonline.org or the Bureau of Labor Statistics at www.bls.gov. This table displays only selected occupations. For a complete listing, view the Delaware 2026 publication at <https://lmi.delawareworks.com/Content/Publications/>