

EXAMPLES OF JOBS IN THE DAIRY INDUSTRY



WORKING ON THE FARM

There are no specific requirements to become a dairy farmer as you can gain skills on the job. However, a relevant training course in agriculture, dairy farming, agribusiness or farm management is recommended. There is also associated job roles on the farm such as vet, cow nutritionist etc which require specific degrees.

IN THE LABORATORY

Working in a dairy lab requires a whole host of skills, but most of all responsibility and the ability to concentrate. This is because the careful testing of ingredients ensures a safe and high quality final product. Roles can range from quality control manager to lab technicians. A high level of education is desirable and needed for certain roles.



SALES & MARKETING

The selling and marketing of dairy products and getting new products successfully into different markets is vital for the success of any dairy. A University degree in marketing will help you to secure a marketing job. When it comes to sales you can progress your career by gaining first-hand experience with an entry level sales job.





ENGINEERING

Engineering in the dairy industry can range from farm engineering to food machinery engineering. Depending on what job role you are looking for the qualifications will vary. Qualifications can range from electrical apprenticeships to mechanical or chemical engineering.

You don't need specific qualifications to work in the production or distribution team at a dairy. You need to be hard working, have good listening skills, ability to work in a team and have a positive work ethic in order to grow and develop.

PRODUCTION & DISTRIBUTION

TANKER DRIVER



Tanker drivers make daily collections of the milk from farms. You will need a large goods vehicle (LGV) licence, with between one and two years' experience of driving lorries, to become a tanker driver. You will also need the Certificate of Professional Competence (Driver CPC).



ACCOUNTING

There are various levels of accounting jobs in the dairy industry ranging from farm accounts, bookkeeper to finance manager. Bookkeeping does not require further education. However, higher level qualifications like the ACA, ACCA or CIMA, would allow you to become a chartered accountant and progress to finance director.