



# What jobs can you do in the meat industry?

Read about the variety of jobs that currently exist in the red meat industry.

## CAREERS IN THE AUSTRALIAN MEAT INDUSTRY

Are you interested in a  
**CHALLENGING**  
and rewarding career  
that can lead to further  
advancement?







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Careers Information





## MEAT MATTERS

-  The Australian meat industry is one of Australia's largest export earners, earning approximately \$8b per year
-  Australia is one of the world's largest exporters of red meat and livestock, exporting to more than 135 countries. Over 60% of Australian beef production is exported, primarily to the United States and Japan
-  It employs around 60,000 people from apprentices through to management
-  It has one of the best training systems in the world with over 90% of the workforce holding a qualification or in training

## WHAT JOBS CAN YOU DO IN THE MEAT INDUSTRY?

### LABOURERS AND GENERAL WORKERS

Boning Room Packer  
Stock Handler  
Processor/Packer  
Production Labourer  
Assistant Meat Retailer  
Cleaner  
Forklift Driver  
Storeperson  
Offal Room Worker  
Machine Operator  
Customer Service Assistant  
Smallgoods Worker  
Pallet Controller  
Picker/Packer  
Truck Driver  
Finance Clerk/Costing Assistant  
Cashier  
Data Entry Operator  
Storeperson  
Cash Van Sales Driver  
Telesales Operator  
Materials Supply Assistant  
Gatehouse Operator  
Equipment Operator

### TECHNICAL, TRADE AND SKILLED WORKER POSITIONS

Quality Assurance Officer  
Meat Inspector Domestic Boner  
Slicer  
Electrician  
Maintenance Officer  
Laboratory Technician  
Refrigeration Technician  
Butcher  
Smallgoods Maker  
Line Leader  
Bandsaw Operator  
Meat Worker  
Rendering Plant Operator

### TECHNICAL, TRADE AND SKILLED WORKER POSITIONS CONTINUED

Slaughter Floor Operator  
Smallgoods Production Operator  
Boutique Meat Producer  
Health and Safety Officer  
Human Resources Officer  
Mechanical Engineer  
Mechanical Engineering Apprentice  
Fabrication Engineering Apprentice  
Electrical Engineering Apprentice  
Refrigeration Specialist  
Smallgoods Manufacturer  
Team Leader  
Laboratory Assistant  
Gardener/ Landscaper  
Security Officer  
OH&S Assistant  
System Administrator  
Stock Controller  
Load Planner  
Payroll Officer  
Draughtsperson  
Customer Services Coordinator  
Sales Administrator  
Workplace Trainer and Assessor  
Fabrication Engineer  
Electrical Engineer

### SENIOR TECHNICAL AND SUPERVISOR POSITIONS

Foreperson  
Warehouse Supervisor  
Training Coordinator  
Human Resources Coordinator  
OH&S Coordinator  
Maintenance Shift Supervisor  
Supervisor Supermarket Meat Dept  
Manager Traditional Retail Outlet

### SENIOR TECHNICAL AND SUPERVISOR POSITIONS CONTINUED

Manager, Specialist Retail Outlet  
Laboratory Assistant  
Quality Assurance Manager  
Meat Inspector AQIS Export Supervisor  
Team Leader  
Environment Officer  
Office Administrator  
Small Business Manager  
Production Supervisor  
Maintenance Supervisor  
Accounts Supervisor  
Executive Assistant  
Research and Development Assistant  
Fleet Manager  
Assistant Accountant  
Chief Purchasing Officer  
Human Resources Officer  
Return-to-Work Coordinator  
Information Technology Support Officer  
Networks Administrator

### MANAGEMENT

Production Operator  
Plant/Abattoir Manager  
Middle Manager in Supermarket  
Meat Retail Manager  
Business Manager  
Enterprise Manager  
Meat Plant Operations Manager  
Smallgoods Manufacturing Manager  
Section Manager  
Training & Development Manager  
Safety and Environment Manager  
Human Resources Manager  
Maintenance Manager

### MANAGEMENT CONTINUED

Office Manager  
Manufacturing Manager  
Operations Manager  
Production Analyst  
Special Projects Manager  
Quality Systems Manager  
Production Specification Manager  
By-Products Manager  
OH&S Manager  
Warehousing Manager  
Transport Manager  
Accounts Manager  
Finance Manager  
Engineering Manager  
Sales and Marketing Manager  
Regional Sales Manager  
Business Development Manager  
Contracts Manager  
Information Technology Manager

### GRADUATE POSITIONS

Food Technologist  
Laboratory Manager  
Environment Manager  
Horticulturalist  
Human Resources Manager  
Chief Financial Officer  
Senior Manager (All Areas)  
International Trade Manager  
Nurse  
Employee Relations Manager  
Business Systems Analyst  
Meat Scientist  
Environmental Scientist  
Engineer  
Software Developer



### WHY CONSIDER A CAREER IN THE MEAT INDUSTRY?

- It is a career and a lifestyle all in one.
- Training is conducted predominantly on-the-job; earn money while you train!
- There are employment opportunities across Australia and internationally.
- Enhance your skills - become a supervisor or manager.
- You will develop skills that are applicable across all sectors of the food industry.
- There is opportunity to specialise.
- Generous industry support is available for further education and training.
- The meat industry offers a dynamic, challenging working environment.

### MAIN INDUSTRY SECTORS

Meat processing  
 Meat retailing  
 Smallgoods manufacturing  
 Food services

### WHAT LEVEL OF EDUCATION IS NEEDED FOR A CAREER IN THE MEAT INDUSTRY?

- Careers are available from Certificate I to postgraduate degrees.
- Nearly every new employee can undertake an Apprenticeship or Traineeship.
- Most employees receive the opportunity to undertake additional training beyond their first qualification.
- Many companies provide additional training at Certificate IV and Diploma levels.

### HOW DO I START MY CAREER IN THE MEAT INDUSTRY?

Australian Apprenticeships are available in abattoir operations, smallgoods manufacture, food services and retail butchery. For more information on obtaining an Australian Apprenticeship go to [www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au](http://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au)

For more information on meat industry careers, log on to [www.myfuture.com.au](http://www.myfuture.com.au)

Find a job through job advertisements in newspapers or online – [www.jobsearch.gov.au](http://www.jobsearch.gov.au) or contact your local butcher or meat processing plant.

Once you have accepted a job, your employer will organise your traineeship/apprenticeship for you.

### INDUSTRY CONTACTS

National Meat Industry Training Advisory Council (MINTRAC)  
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Do you still want to enjoy your current **LIFESTYLE**?

Do you want to develop lifelong **FRIENDSHIPS** while earning money?

A career in the **MEAT INDUSTRY** is waiting for you!