

AGRICULTURE

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DAIRY HERDSPERSON - AGRICULTURE (A.C.A., non-restricted certified trade)

WORK DESCRIPTION

What would I be doing?

Dairy Herdspersons work with cattle and barn equipment. They may perform some or all of the following duties:

- reads and interprets milking procedures, DFO health sheets, feed sheets, feeding guides, government regulations, nutritionist and veterinarian recommendations/prescriptions
- performs feeding and watering procedures
- prepares cattle and performs milking procedures
- performs herd health maintenance procedures
- performs routine herd maintenance procedures
- operates and maintains barn mechanical and electrical systems
- operates and maintains farm mechanical equipment

Dairy Herdspersons may carry out duties related to general farming. This includes working with and maintaining barn mechanical, electrical systems and farm mechanical equipment..

PLACE OF WORK

Who needs Dairy Herdspersons?

- large dairy operations
- Experimental Farms
- Teaching Institutions

CONDITIONS OF WORK

A Dairy Herdsperson is a non-restricted certified trade. A person need not have a valid Certificate of Qualification to work in the trade but a registration as an apprentice is recommended. A Cooperative Education student, who is not a signed apprentice, does not have to be paid. An apprentice **may** be paid wages.

SALARIES/WAGES

The salary of a Dairy Herdsperson depends on the employer, years of experience, and level of training. In unionized places the wages and conditions of work are negotiated collectively.

In the Elgin, Middlesex and Oxford area, there are no statistics on the wages of Dairy Herdspersons.

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PROSPECTS of EMPLOYMENT in the Elgin, Middlesex and Oxford area

RATING: good

APPRENTICESHIP IN THE DAIRY HERDSPERSON TRADE

- takes about 4000 - 6000 h. Prior education and experience may shorten the time to complete all the competencies,
- a Certificate of Apprenticeship is issued upon completion of apprenticeship,
- there is no Certificate of Qualification in this trade,
- Interprovincial Trade Certification (Red Seal) is not available.

In-School Education:

An OYAP student must be 16 years old and completed Grade 10 (or equivalent). Otherwise, all apprenticeship applicants must successfully complete Grade 12 (O.S.S.D.) or equivalent. The following competencies are valuable:

English,	<i>Communication and</i>
Mathematics,	<i>planning skills, ability to</i>
Science	<i>work unsupervised</i>

OYAP students must be full-time students in high school and those who obtain apprenticeships will continue the apprenticeship curriculum in college or with an approved Training Delivery Agent. *Specific skills learned in school are: safety, trade calculations, trade communication, hand and power tools, stable equipment, basic first aid, equine first aid, Occupational Health and Safety Act (WHMIS), guidelines of WSIB, Government Regulations, Chemical hazards and hazardous materials and environment*

legislation protocols and Provincial Milk Act Regulations.

On the Job Training

- As a high school Cooperative Education credit (towards O.S.S.D.), learning is connected to one of the school subjects.
- The apprentices must follow a program in the **Apprenticeship Training Standards** book which is given to them in the workplace when they register. As each competency is achieved the employer signs it off.

OPPORTUNITY TO GROW

A Certificate as a journeyman is not needed to start working as a Dairy Herdperson but a registration as an apprentice is recommended. After becoming a journeyman a Dairy Herdperson may:

- become a supervisor,
- start own business,
- work in related areas or occupations.

RELATED OCCUPATIONS

- Farm Manager
- Agricultural Service Contractor

CONTACT INFORMATION

Whom should I call?

School Guidance/Co-Op
Office/Technology teacher
Apprenticeship Office 519 675 7788
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