

## AGRICULTURE

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

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#### WORK DESCRIPTION

*What would I be doing?*

Swine Herdspersons work with swine and barn equipment. They may perform some or all of the following duties.

- reads and interprets Code of Practices, Swine Canadian Quality Assurance procedures, Agriculture Safety Audit Procedures and veterinarian recommendation/prescriptions
- performs herd health and comfort maintenance
- performs breeding/gestation procedures
- performs farrowing procedures
- manages nursery stock
- performs manure management procedures
- operates and maintains farm systems, vehicles and equipment
- operates and maintains farm mechanical equipment

Swine Herdspersons work indoors and perform many tasks requiring good physical stamina. Swine Herdspersons begin work early in the morning and may stay quite late in the evening to finish daily tasks.

#### PLACE OF WORK

*Who needs Swine Herdspersons?*

- large swine operations
- Experimental Farms
- Teaching Institutions

#### CONDITIONS OF WORK

**A Swine 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 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 Swine Herdspersons.*

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## PROSPECTS of EMPLOYMENT in the Elgin, Middlesex and Oxford area

**RATING: good**

### APPRENTICESHIP IN THE SWINE HERDSPERSON TRADE

- takes about 4 000 - 5 000 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 this trade.

#### **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,</i>
Science	<i>ability to work</i>
	<i>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, barn equipment, basic first aid, Occupational Health and Safety Act (WHMIS), guidelines of WSIB, Government*

*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 in the Swine Herdsperson trade but a registration as an apprentice is recommended. After becoming a journeyman a Swine Herdsperson may:

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

#### **RELATED OCCUPATIONS**

- Farm Manager
- Agriculture Service Contractor

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

*Whom should I call?*

School Guidance/Co-Op Office/Technology teacher

Apprenticeship Office 519 675 7788

London: 1 800 265 1050

Apprenticeship web: [www.edu.gov.on.ca](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca)

EMOLTB web site: [www.localboard.on.ca](http://www.localboard.on.ca)

Training Hotline: 1 800 387 5656

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