

Orchard Manager

Description

Orchard managers are responsible for the daily operations involved with running an orchard. Depending upon the structure of the business, you may work with the public or in a business-to-business arrangement. Orchards can be used for commercial plant purposes or in food production. Managers must be knowledgeable about the stages of plant life and diseases that may occur.

Education/Training Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in Horticulture (preferred)
- Associate's degree (sometimes accepted)

Recommended High School Coursework

- Agriculture Education
- Mathematics
- Sciences (Biology, Botany, Horticulture)

Common Responsibilities

- Oversee inventory of plants
- Plan species to be planted according to time of year
- Maintain breeding records
- Harvest plants or their fruits
- Forecast demand to determine plant populations
- Provide supervision over greenhouse workers
- Be knowledgeable about the stages and diseases of plant life

Typical Employers

Orchard managers can work with a variety of plants including bedding plants, hydroponics, seeds, shrubs or fresh flowers. Orchards could be owned by an independent owner or by a larger company.

Additional Resources

[Ag Careers-Greenhouse Manager Profile](#)
[Association of Education and Research Greenhouse Curators](#)
[Pennsylvania Vegetable Growers Association](#)