

Production Manager

Description

Production managers work in a variety of settings within agriculture, including animal production, seed and chemical production, and the food sector. They are responsible for overseeing day-to-day activities as they relate to the successful production of the product the company produces.

Education/Training Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Business, Animal Science, Food Science, or Poultry Science (required)

Recommended High School Coursework

- Agriculture Education
- Animal Science
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Mathematics
- Spanish

Common Responsibilities

- Prepare and administer work orders
- Schedule production crew assignments
- Ensure work orders are completed on time and within budget
- Ensure production crew is trained on proper use and handling of chemicals
- Interview, hire, evaluate performance and administer disciplinary actions
- Oversee employee and food safety programs
- Ensure achievement of productivity and efficiency
- Confer with management personnel to establish quality control standards
- Plan and direct processing activities
- Establish processing priorities for products
- Coordinate processing activities with procurement and maintenance
- Consult with engineering personnel relative to the modification of machines

Typical Employers

Production managers work in food processing facilities ranging from meat to dry packaged goods. As well in live animal production settings and in the chemical/biotech industry.

Additional Resources

[American Society of Animal Science](#)

[American Poultry Association](#)

[National Association of Manufacturers](#)

