

# Learn about careers in sheep and beef

There are many exciting careers available within sheep and beef farming and the wider red meat sector. Many people gain work on a farm directly after leaving school. Others choose to study first at a university, polytechnic or a cadet farm. The variety of positions and types of work within, and directly related to sheep and beef farming is huge.

B+LNZ invests in and supports growing, training and retaining people in our sector through collaborating with others for more impact. **Learn more:** [beeflambnz.com/people-and-training](http://beeflambnz.com/people-and-training)  
**Need to talk to someone?** Get in touch and email [peopleandtraining@beeflambnz.com](mailto:peopleandtraining@beeflambnz.com)



**Did you know the red meat sector generates over 92,000 NZ jobs and contributes \$12 billion in income per year for New Zealand?**

## Pathways to careers in sheep and beef

### Primary ITO

Primary ITO offers training and learning while you work at levels 2, 3 and 4, and a full diploma. This training is arranged in conjunction with the farm manager or owner and delivered in block courses off site, combined with on job training and assessment.

[www.primaryito.ac.nz](http://www.primaryito.ac.nz) / 0800 20 80 20

### Growing Future Farmers

Support on-farm cadetship opportunities in the growing network of sheep and beef farms across New Zealand.

[www.growingfuturefarmers.co.nz](http://www.growingfuturefarmers.co.nz)  
021 315 534

### Lincoln University

A specialist agricultural university in the South Island offering diplomas and degrees in agricultural commerce and science, plus related fields.

[www.lincoln.ac.nz](http://www.lincoln.ac.nz) / 0800 10 60 10

### Telford

A live-in agricultural training centre (South Island) that delivers agricultural qualifications from level 2 to diploma.

[www.sit.ac.nz/Telford](http://www.sit.ac.nz/Telford) / 0800 83 53 67

### Smedley Station

A full production sheep and beef station providing training for farm cadets. Trainees complete a National Certificate in Rural Servicing Level 4, as well as learning stock management and shepherding.

[www.smedley.ac.nz](http://www.smedley.ac.nz) / 06 856 5725

### Massey University

Offering specialist agricultural courses including degrees and diplomas in agribusiness and science and the related fields of environment and resource management and veterinarian training.

[www.massey.ac.nz](http://www.massey.ac.nz)  
0800 MASSEY (06 350 5701)

### ARA Institute of Canterbury

Based in the South Island and offering a Diploma in Agriculture.

[www.ara.ac.nz](http://www.ara.ac.nz) / 0800 24 24 76

### Toi Ohomai Institute of Technology

Offering New Zealand Certificates Primary Industries and Agriculture and a Diploma in Agribusiness Management.

[www.toiohomai.ac.nz](http://www.toiohomai.ac.nz) / 0800 86 46 46

### Otiwhiti Station

A specialised sheep and beef live-in training farm delivering qualification in Agriculture up to level 3 and 4.

[www.otiwhitistation.co.nz](http://www.otiwhitistation.co.nz) / 0508 872 466

### Waipaoa Station

Waipaoa Cadet Farm is a live-in farm training operation delivering in agriculture from level 2 to 4.

[www.waipaoa.co.nz](http://www.waipaoa.co.nz) / 06 862 1988

### Otago Polytechnic (Central Campus)

Based in Cromwell, Otago Polytechnic provides agricultural training to level 4 including a specialised high country sheep and beef programme.

[www.central.op.ac.nz](http://www.central.op.ac.nz) / 0800 765 9276

### Southern Institute of Technology

To make a start on an agricultural career, the Vocational Pathways Primary Industries programme offers a good opportunity to gain sound practical foundation skills and knowledge in agriculture. [www.sit.ac.nz/courses](http://www.sit.ac.nz/courses)  
0800 40 33 37 (03 211 2699)

### Whenua Kura

A partnership between Lincoln University and Ngāi Tahu facilitating delivery of agriculture qualifications from level 3 to Diploma.

[www.ngaitahu.iwi.nz](http://www.ngaitahu.iwi.nz)  
0800 524 8248 (0800 KAI TAHU)

### Direct to farm employment

It is often possible to gain employment on a sheep and beef farm directly from school. Vacancies are often advertised in local papers and the following websites:

**Agri-people website, Fed Farmers job website, TradeMe jobs, Seek jobs**

### Pacific Coast Technical Institute

A nationwide provider of Primary Industry and Food related training, offering a range of rural skills short courses to assist NZ farmers with skills for young people and refreshers for those in need.

[www.pcti.co.nz](http://www.pcti.co.nz) / 07 575 2185

### National Trade Academy

Providing land-based education and training since 2000. Take pride in teaching their students the practical skills and knowledge required for successful careers in the land-based industries. [www.nta.co.nz](http://www.nta.co.nz) / 03 360 2192

### Dairy Training Ltd

Delivers vocational training to the Primary Sector, ranging from lower level Primary Skills through to Business Management.

[www.dairytraining.co.nz](http://www.dairytraining.co.nz) / 0800 467 768

### Land Based Training

Delivers level 2-5 Agriculture training programmes, a range of short courses, and on-farm training placements.

[www.landbasedtraining.co.nz](http://www.landbasedtraining.co.nz)  
06 349 0077

### Whangarei A&P Society Farm Intern Programme

An on-farm training and work programme for young people wanting a land-based career. Similar to an apprenticeship, work on farm while gaining recognised qualifications.

[whangareiap.org.nz](http://whangareiap.org.nz)