

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
Need to talk to someone? Get in touch and email 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 / 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
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 / 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 / 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 / 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
0800 MASSEY (06 350 5701)

ARA Institute of Canterbury

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

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.toiohomi.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 / 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 / 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 / 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
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
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 / 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 / 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 / 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
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