FOOD PRODUCTION
SECTOR OVERVIEW

Why Work In Food Production?

The PacMtn region is home to farms, ranches, fishing, and food processing facilities that feed the Pacific Northwest, and find their way by truck, train, and airplane around the globe. Hundreds of independent growers and distributors contribute to this sector. Whether you're enjoying a craft brew at a local taproom or ordering oyster shooters half a world away, you’re enjoying the bounty of this region's top industry sector.

Key Industries

- Livestock and Crop Production, including organic
- Fresh and Frozen Seafood Processing
- Shellfish Production & Harvesting
- Frozen Fruit, Juice & Vegetable Manufacturing

Get Ready Now!

These high-demand jobs are growing in the next decade.

- Farmworkers and Laborers: Crop, Nursery & Greenhouse
- Farmworkers: Farm, Ranch and Aquaculture
- Meat, Poultry & Fish Cutters and Trimmers
- Fisheries Workers
- Butchers and Meat Cutters

Learn more at www.pacmtn.org

Fast Facts

Food Production sector is growing fast in the PacMtn region.

Nearly 7,000 people in this region work in either Livestock or Crop Production.

This industry cluster brings more than $4 billion into our local economy every year.

2. Data pulled from PacMtn Hot Jobs 2016 spreadsheet.
A few of the Food Production employers in the PacMtn region:

**FOOD MANUFACTURING**
- Frito-Lay, Montesano
- National Frozen Foods Corporation, Chehalis
- Ocean Spray, Long Beach/Aberdeen/Grayland

**FISHING, SHELLFISH HARVESTING & DISTRIBUTION**
- Coast Seafoods, South Bend
- Taylor Shellfish, Shelton
- Washington Crab Producers, Westport
- Ocean Gold Seafoods, Westport
- National Fish & Oyster, Olympia

**CROP & LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION**
- August Farm, Rochester
- Spooner Berry Farms, Olympia/Lacey
- Starvation Alley Farms, Long Beach

**CANNING, BOTTLING & DISTRIBUTION**
- Harbor Pacific, Elma
- L&E Bottling Company, Tumwater
- Pepsi Cola Bottling Company, Tumwater

More women are pursuing agricultural careers. In 2012, the US Census counted nearly 1 million women in agriculture, and the number is still growing.

*Food Production involves science!* Food scientists add ingredients to enhance nutrition and flavor.

Want to advance? Consider a degree at a local college

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Extend your learning by earning a certification through your local WSU Extension program or other nearby training programs.

- Brewing & Distilling
- Gardening
- Marine Resources
- Food Safety & Nutrition

Most entry-level jobs in this sector require no formal training.

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- **WorkSource Thurston County**
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  360-704-3600
- **WorkSource Lewis County**
  151 NE Hampe Way, Chehalis
  360-748-2360
- **WorkSource Pacific County**
  2601 N Pacific Highway, Long Beach
  360-642-6213
- **WorkSource Grays Harbor**
  415 W Wishkah St, Aberdeen
  360-538-2350

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