

Production Worker



What They Do

Food production workers operate equipment that process and prepare food products, dairy, baked goods, etc. Employees set up, operate, and monitor machinery while ensuring products conform to specific standards and meet production quotas. An important part of this position is maintaining a sanitary and organized production environment.

Job Duties

- Record production and test data, such as processing steps, temperature and steam readings, cooking time, batches processed, and test results
- Read work orders, recipes, or formulas in order to determine cooking times, temperatures, and ingredient specifications
- Clean, wash, and sterilize equipment and cooking area using water hoses, cleaning and sterilizing solutions, or rinses
- Set temperature, pressure and time controls and start conveyers, machines, or pumps
- Listen for malfunction alarms and shut down equipment and notify supervisors when necessary

Job Earnings

****NYS Labor Department
(2019 Median Annual Salary)**

\$34,680 per year average salary
\$16.67 per hour

Education/Training

Food production worker positions typically require a high school diploma or a General Education Development (GED) certificate. Previous related work experience is helpful.

Job Outlook

National growth of food production worker occupations is less than 3%, in New York State food production careers are expected to grow 15% between 2016-2026.

Production Worker - Career Pathway

Ways to Start Preparing for Your Future Career TODAY!

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Middle/High School Classes to Take:

- Agriculture Classes
- Health & Nutrition
- Family & Consumer Science
- Mathematics
- Science

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Clubs/Extracurricular Activities:

- Future Farmers of America (FFA) Club (www.FFA.org)
- 4-H (www.4-H.org)
- Culinary Camp for Grades 6-9 (www.BEAGenesee.com)

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Local BOCES/Career & Technical Education Programs:

- Genesee Valley BOCES (www.GVBOCES.org)
 - Culinary Arts (Batavia & Mt. Morris Campuses)
- Monroe2-Orleans BOCES (www.Monroe2BOCES.org)
 - Baking
 - Culinary Arts
- Orleans-Niagara BOCES (www.ONBOCES.org)
 - Culinary Arts

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Volunteer Opportunities:

- FeedMore WNY (www.FeedMoreWNY.org)
- Foodlink (www.FoodlinkNY.org)
- Meals on Wheels (www.MealsonWheelsAmerica.org)
- GLOW Region Food Pantries & Distribution Centers (check local listings)

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Local Colleges/Training:

- Colleges:
 - SUNY Alfred (www.AlfredState.edu)
 - Erie Community College (www.ECC.edu)
 - Monroe Community College (www.MonroeCC.edu)
- Adult Education & Training Programs
 - Monroe2-Orleans BOCES Center for Workforce Development (www.Monroe2CWD.edu)
 - OSHA 10-Hour General Industry (Culinary)