

FARM WORKER: POULTRY

A poultry farm employee assists in daily operations on the farm. This can include checking birds, collecting eggs and feeding.

WHAT RESPONSIBILITIES WILL I HAVE?

- Ensure birds have access to food and water
- Walk through the house to identify sick or injured birds
- Utilize proper biosecurity standards when entering and exiting houses
- On layer farms, assist with egg collection, washing and sorting
- On layer farms, assist with putting eggs in cartons
- Control temperature of houses for ultimate bird comfort
- Conduct maintenance on the house and watering/heating system as needed
- Control house lighting to meet bird needs
- Maintain high standards of animal welfare



WHAT EDUCATION & TRAINING IS REQUIRED?

A high school diploma is required; an Associate's degree in animal science or animal husbandry is recommended

THE FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL COURSES ARE RECOMMENDED...

Agricultural education, animal science, biology, mathematics, chemistry

TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

Poultry farms

FUTURE JOB MARKET/OUTLOOK



SUGGESTED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & ASSOCIATIONS

- U.S. Animal Agriculture Alliance
- National Chicken Council
- State Poultry Association/Federation

AVERAGE ANNUAL FULL-TIME SALARY

\$26,000