



CAREER PATH

# Natural Resources Agriculture

CAREER CLUSTER

Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

CAREER PATHWAY

Food Products and Processing Systems



## MEAT, POULTRY, FISH CUTTER AND TRIMMER

Use hand tools to perform routine cutting and trimming of meat, poultry, and fish.

### Knowledge and Skills Needed

In addition to courses required for high school graduation, essential skills and knowledge needed for a career as a meat, poultry, fish cutter and trimmer are reinforced by taking rigorous and relevant courses, as well as participating in work-based experiences and student organization activities.

*(See the Sample Personal Plan of Study for suggested coursework, activities, and knowledge and skills to pursue in preparation of an occupation in this Career Cluster.)*

### Education Requirements

Occupation	Percent of Missouri employees aged 25 to 44 in the occupation whose highest level of educational attainment is:		
	High School or Less	Some College	Bachelor Degree or More
Meat, poultry, and fish cutters and trimmers	82.9%	15.3%	1.8%
Food processing workers	76.5%	20.9%	2.6%
Production	69.1%	25.8%	5.1%

Most Common Educational Level: Short-term on-the-job training

Note: Be sure to learn whether your occupation has a specific requirement for education or licensing. Apprenticeships are available for more than 240 occupations. Visit [www.oa.doleta.gov/bat.cfm](http://www.oa.doleta.gov/bat.cfm)

### National and State Wage Information

Location	Pay Period	2007		
		Entry*	Median	Experienced**
United States	Hourly	\$8.55	\$10.12	\$11.80
	Yearly	\$17,800	\$21,000	\$24,500
Missouri	Hourly	\$9.22	\$10.30	\$11.59
	Yearly	\$19,200	\$21,400	\$24,100

Based on (\*) lower 25% and (\*\*) upper 25% percentile of wages

### National and State Employment Trends

Meat, Poultry, Fish Cutter and Trimmer	Employment		Percent Change	Job Openings*
	2006	2016		
United States	144,200	159,900	+ 11%	6,140
Missouri	2,300	2,630	+ 14%	80

\*The estimate for Job Openings includes both turnover that results from people who leave the occupation (e.g. quit, retire, death) and new jobs that are created.

### Educational Opportunities

*Note: This list may not be all inclusive. For more information about Missouri schools and programs, visit [www.dhe.mo.gov](http://www.dhe.mo.gov)*

(no schools listed)



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