



CAREERS IN  
**AGRICULTURE**  
FOR RETURNING VETERANS

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# From Deployment to Employment: Agricultural Jobs for Veterans A New Initiative

After serving in the military, the transition back to civilian life can be difficult, especially when looking for employment.

It can be particularly hard for those who are wounded – whether the wounds are physical or not quite so visible from the outside.

Fortunately, there is one industry that could suit your existing skill set and outlook: **agriculture**.

This has led Agri Labour Australia and Walking Wounded to join forces.

Our aim is to help veterans find stable, rewarding roles that match existing skills and abilities.

We hope to bridge the gap between deployment and employment, helping our returning soldiers find meaningful careers while also safeguarding the future of our nation's great farming tradition.

## Who Benefits?

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| <b>Veterans</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New career with a sense of purpose</li><li>• Suited to existing skills</li><li>• Wide variety of roles</li><li>• Work life balance</li></ul> | <b>Farmers/Employers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Access to qualified, hard-working personnel</li><li>• Reliable staff, eager to learn</li><li>• Making a difference by helping veterans</li><li>• Knowledge sharing to future Ag leaders</li></ul> | <b>Australian Agriculture</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Solution for labour shortage</li><li>• Revitalised rural communities</li><li>• A stronger, younger industry</li><li>• Greater food and fibre security for the future</li></ul> |
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# Why Agriculture?

**Australian agriculture is a diverse and successful industry with a great future ahead of it.**

Ongoing government investment and planning, along with trade agreements and ever-improving relationships with our foreign neighbours, is creating exciting opportunities for growth and long-term profitability.

A recent survey showed that Australia's happiest people live in towns of less than 1,000 people, and it's easy to understand why.

Rural life is peaceful, honest and rewarding. Working the land and providing for our growing nation and region is a meaningful and positive way to spend one's life.

## Solving Our Labour Shortage

Despite the many attractions of country life, so many of our younger generation choose to move to cities or the resources sector to find work.

The perception of higher pay or quality of life is draining regional Australia of its talented youth at a time when they're needed most.

## In Short, You and Agriculture are a Perfect Fit

Whether you're operating complex farming machinery or running the business side of things, the skills you learned during your service are exactly what the Aussie agriculture industry needs, now and into the future.



# What Type of Jobs Are There?

**Agriculture is more than ploughing fields and milking cows.**

It is a diverse industry that has evolved into a technologically advanced, multi-disciplinary field.

There is a huge range of agricultural opportunities to suit veterans of all types, whether you've served as infantry or clerical staff.

### Semi-Skilled Farm Labour

- Planting & picking of various commodities
- Packing & processing of food produce
- General farm labouring
- Livestock attendant

### Skilled Roles

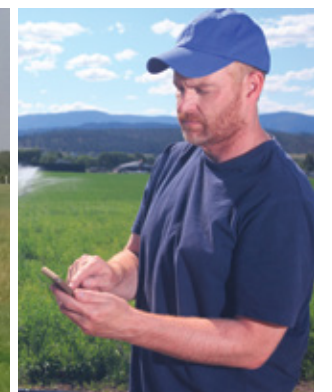
- Machinery operation
- Equipment maintenance and mechanics
- Logistics & transport
- Storage and warehousing
- Production manager

### Technical/Skilled Roles

- Science & engineering
- Environmental management
- Data & communications
- Agronomy
- Grain trading

### Administrative Roles

- Managerial & supervisory roles
- Legal & finance
- Administrative support
- Stock control







## A New Path to Help Heal Wounds

### Wounds aren't always visible.

Readjusting to civilian life can be more difficult than we think. But sometimes, the pace of rural life can help with the transition, while still offering structure and a sense of purpose.

Similar agricultural employment initiatives in the USA have had great success. Many veterans have reported preferring the quietness of the countryside and the feeling of being connected to the land.

They have said they appreciate the rewarding feeling of creating and producing for others, while achieving financial goals and learning new skills that will last for life.

## We're Here to Help

In partnership with Walking Wounded, a charity set up by 20-year Special Forces veteran Brian Freeman, Agri Labour Australia is working to place ex-service men and women in suitable agricultural roles.

Our joint aim is to help you find your post-military career path, and to help you create the future you desire.

Our employers are keen to hire veterans and will accommodate any special needs you may have.

Whether you've been wounded or not, **we're here to help.**

## What To Do Next?

If you're ready to start the next chapter in your life, Agri Labour Australia and Walking Wounded are **here to help.**



### Find a job

To see a list of available jobs, please visit [www.agrilabour.com.au](http://www.agrilabour.com.au)

We also have various jobs that are not advertised online, so feel free to call us to discuss further.



### Talk to one of our recruitment specialists

To discuss what kind of role might best suit you, or to submit your resume or enquire about what we do, please call Agri Labour Australia on **1300 247 823.**



### Seek support

If you feel like talking to a fellow veteran or support volunteer, please don't hesitate to contact Walking Wounded on **0432 398 827** or visit [www.walkingwounded.org.au](http://www.walkingwounded.org.au)



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