

THE AUSTRALIAN SUGARCANE INDUSTRY

Sugarcane farms along 2,000 km of Australia's east coast underpin a \$2.5 billion sugar industry, supporting regional communities and economies.

From growing the sugarcane to cutting and transporting it, processing it into raw sugar and marketing and shipping it to international customers, hundreds of different occupations and thousands of people are involved in the sugar industry.



The Australian sugarcane industry is made up of 4,500 farming businesses. They are family farms, partnerships and corporations. The average farm size is 100 hectares.



Sugarcane farming in Queensland provides more than 9,800 direct jobs and more than 23,650 value chain jobs in regional towns and cities.



Around 30 million tonnes of cane is harvested and crushed annually in Australia to produce 4.3 million tonnes of raw sugar.



22 sugar mills process the sugarcane into raw sugar. 85% of the raw sugar is exported from six bulk shipping ports.



Australian sugar is sustainably produced. 80% of the cane farm area is in the best management practice program called Smartcane BMP.



From paddock to packet and beyond, occupations and professions in the Australian sugar industry:

Sugarcane grower
Farm manager
Field hand
Tractor and machinery operator
Farm machinery sales
Machinery service and repair mechanic
Harvester and haulout/truck driver
Farm administrator and bookkeeper
Agronomist and other farm advisor
Fertiliser and chemical sales and delivery
Light plane, helicopter and drone pilot
Irrigation equipment sales and repair
Contractor for planting, spraying etc
Fuel sales and supply
Geospatial software/hardware sales
Information Technology support
Accountant
Lawyer
Researcher (biologist, entomologist)
Research assistant
Plant breeding technician
Pest animal control
Transport logistics
Locomotive driver and assistant
Locomotive maintenance
Tramline maintenance
Sugar mill manager
Electrical engineer
Mechanical engineer
Chemical engineer
Maintenance engineer
Laboratory technician
Electrician
Welder
Boilermaker
Fitter and turner
Diesel fitter
Apprentice
Industrial cleaner
Weighbridge operator
Instrument technician
Cane analysis auditor
Shift supervisor
Workplace Health and Safety officer
Sugar terminal manager
Storage and shipping plant operator
Finance/Payroll officer
Human Resources manager
Office and administration support
Sugar trader
Sugar sales and marketing staff
Shipping logistics
Sugar pricing field officer
Refinery technician
Packaging plant operator
Forklift driver
Warehousing and distribution
Quality Assurance and Auditing
Web and app design
Production manager
Project worker
Insurance representative
Policy manager
Communications and PR

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