

"Garden and horticultural labourers

6120 skilled workers in orchards, greenhouses, nurseries and gardens.

Farmers and skilled garden and horticultural workers plan, organise and carry out operations to cultivate and maintain trees, shrubs, flowers and other plants in private parks and gardens, and to produce seedlings, bulbs and seeds, or to grow vegetables and flowers using intensive cultivation techniques. Production is mainly or exclusively for marketing through wholesalers, trade organisations or markets.

Tasks include

- monitoring market activity and conditions by determining the types and quantities of vegetables, pulses and nursery products to be harvested and planning and coordinating the subsequent production;
- preparing the land by preparing the soil, levelling the ground and installing and operating irrigation and drainage systems;
- planting trees, hedges, garden plants, lawns;
- pruning and trimming trees, shrubs and hedges, installing plant supports and protections, and rolling, mowing, edging and aerating lawns;
- devising garden designs and installations, such as paths or paved areas, walls, rockeries, decking, ponds and water features, sheds and fences;
- monitor the health of plants and trees, identify and treat weeds, pests and diseases, and apply mulches and fertilisers;
- produce seedlings, bulbs and seeds and plants from seed or cuttings;
- inspect crops, clean, sort, grade, pack, store and load produce for sale or delivery to market;
- maintaining buildings, greenhouses and other structures, equipment and water supply systems;
- storing and carrying out some processing of products;
- promoting and marketing products, organising the sale, purchase and transport of products and supplies and the maintenance and evaluation of records on activities and transactions;
- training and supervising workers in production, maintenance, and health and safety precautions and hiring and dispensing workers and contractors.

Examples of occupations included in this primary group

- Horticulturists
- Floriculturists
- Gardeners

- Mushroom growers
- Strawberry growers

Related occupations not included in this primary group

- Directors/managers of agricultural holdings, 1311
- Directors/managers of gardening enterprises, 1311
- Agricultural engineering technicians, 2424
- Horticultural, floricultural and gardening technicians, 3142
- Fruit growers, 6110
- Winegrowers, 6110
- Pesticide or herbicide treatment specialists, 7894
- Tractor drivers, 8321
- Agricultural labourers (except in orchards, greenhouses, nurseries and gardens), 9511
- Agricultural labourers in orchards, greenhouses, nurseries and gardens, 9512
- Strawberry pickers, 9512
- Vegetable pickers, 9512
- Garden and horticultural labourers, 9512