

What Exactly is an Animal Biotechnologist?

Summary: *Animal biotechnologists are linked to the agricultural industry, but have a more research and scientific aspect that may pique your interest.*



There are so many career options out there. Sometimes it is hard to know which one is right. When looking into agricultural careers, most assume the options consist of a farmer or rancher. Luckily, there are so many more options that may be the perfect fit for you if you enjoy the agricultural field.

An animal biotechnologist is responsible for researching how nutrients in animal feed and/or animal reproductive processes impact the overall health of the animal. They create methods for more efficient production methods using their research results. They then distribute this information to veterinarians or related animal health personnel. They also analyze client needs and develop nutritional plans for animals.

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The required education for this career is a Master's degree in Animal Science. The recommended courses to take early on in high school or college are Ag education, mathematics, and sciences like earth science, biology, and chemistry.

You can expect to work for food production companies, animal pharmaceutical companies,



contract growers, and university research farms. There is always the option of starting your own company that consults or conducts their own research.

The job outlook for those in this industry is categorized as good to great. The need for more efficient growing and raising of fields and animals will keep this career in demand.

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