

Employability skills in the Food and Fibre sectors

Employability skills are vital to your career path. These skills can be demonstrated in many ways.



Positive attitude

I am present, honest, respectful, friendly and hard-working. I look forward to things.

"I look forward to work and the freedom of being outside."



Communication

I listen. I ask questions. I show respect when I communicate to all sorts of people.

"I listen and follow instructions."



Teamwork

I work well with people to achieve a common goal. I contribute to the team.

"Doing tasks together is easier."



Self-management

I look after myself. I am responsible, on time and prepared for the tasks I have to do.

"I get on with the list of jobs that I'm given to do."



Thinking skills

I weigh up options and figure out ways of doing things. I will get help when I need it.

"I take time to figure things out to ensure I get a good result."



Willingness to learn

I am open to learning new tasks, skills and information. I accept advice and learn from feedback.

"Learning new things can be challenging."



Resilience

I meet challenges. I learn from my mistakes and find new ways of doing things.

"I keep focused until the work is completed."

Our story

We're school students attending an agricultural course. Most of us live in the city so it's an opportunity to learn the skills needed to work on a farm.

We enjoy the hands-on jobs and the freedom of being outside.

Our tutors work closely with us and demonstrate things, which makes it easier for us to pick up and learn new skills.

Figuring things out is really important. If you rush into things you don't always get a good result but if you figure it out first you can fix it. That way you learn different ways of getting good outcomes.

There's a lot of teamwork involved. Doing tasks together is easier – for example working on fencing needs two people to get the tension right.

What's your story?

Check out careers.govt.nz to find out more about employability skills.

Talk with your career adviser about career opportunities in the food and fibre sectors.