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JOB PROFILE

Field crop & vegetable grower

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Agriculture, fisheries & forestry · ISCO-08 6111

Field crop and vegetable growers plan, plant, look after and harvest crops such as rice, maize and vegetables, and sell them at markets or to buyers. It is the most common job in Timor-Leste: 21.0% of all workers in 2021.

TRAIN IN TIMOR	**Certificate I and III** INDMO national certificates
COURSE LENGTH	**To confirm** No published source yet
IN TIMOR	**Large employer** Labour Force Survey 2021
ABROAD	**No official programme yet** Australia: any job with a job offer
PAY IN TIMOR	**US$234 / month** Average for all skilled agricultural workers in Timor-Leste, not this job alone (Labour Force Survey 2021)

WHAT YOU DO

Plan the season: Decide which crops to grow and how much, by watching what buyers want; Get seed, fertiliser and tools ready; Plan when to plant and when to harvest.

Prepare and plant: Clear and dig the soil, by hand or with a machine; Sow seeds and plant young plants; Spread fertiliser and compost.

Look after the crops: Water the crops and keep channels working; Weed, and fight pests and plant diseases; Look after tools, machines and farm buildings.

Harvest and sell: Harvest the crops when they are ready; Clean, sort, pack and store the harvest; Sell at the market or to shops, hotels and traders.

Based on the ILO description of ISCO-08 unit group 6111, Field crop and vegetable growers.

WHERE YOU WORK

Family farms & gardens (Rice fields, maize fields and vegetable gardens); Vegetable farms near towns (Supplying markets, restaurants and hotels); Markets (Selling your own harvest); Your own farm business (Most growers work for themselves).

You work outdoors in sun and rain. The work is hard on the body, and very busy at planting and harvest time.

Women and men both do this work: in 2021 it was the job of 25.8% of working women and 17.9% of working men.

The Government wants Timor-Leste to grow more fruit and vegetables instead of importing them, and plans to support large vegetable farms near towns.

IS IT FOR ME?

You are good at: Hard physical work, Planning ahead, Patience, Noticing when plants are sick, Basic maths for buying and selling.

You like: Being outdoors, Plants and the land, Working with your hands, Running your own work.

Knowing how to sell and keep simple records helps you earn more from your harvest.

TRAIN FOR IT IN TIMOR-LESTE

- **Certificate I in General Agriculture** · INDMO national certificate
- **Certificate III in Crops Vegetable** · INDMO national certificate
- **Técnico de Produção Agrária** · Technical secondary school course (ESTV)
- **CNEFP Tibar: Agriculture** · Levels I and II. 40 people finished in 2025, and the centre opened enrolment for 2026.

Course length and fees: to confirm with INDMO and each centre. The directory never shows a number without a source.

WHERE IT LEADS

- **Farm worker** · Entry job; Certificate I in General Agriculture
- **Field crop & vegetable grower** · Certificate III in Crops Vegetable
- **Agricultural extension officer** · University study at the UNTL Faculty of Agriculture
- **A bigger farm or food business of your own** · Startups of Timor helps you start one

WORK ABROAD, SAFELY

- **Australia: Pacific Engagement Visa** · There is no official programme abroad for this job yet. Australia's Pacific Engagement Visa allows any occupation if you have a job offer.

Never pay a fixer. Join only through SEFOPE, the Timor-Leste government office for work abroad. No one can sell you a place, and a real overseas job never asks you for a recruitment fee.

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