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JOB PROFILE

Livestock farmer

Agrikultór hakiak animál

Agriculture, fisheries & forestry · ISCO-08 6121

Livestock farmers breed and raise cattle, buffalo, pigs, goats and other animals for meat, milk and hides, and sell the animals or their products. The Government wants livestock production to grow by 20% by 2028, so that Timor-Leste imports fewer livestock products.

TRAIN IN TIMOR	**Centre course · diploma** CNEFP Livestock; Produção Animal
COURSE LENGTH	**Diploma: 2 years** IPB Diploma II, 2017 plan. Centre course: to confirm
IN TIMOR	**Priority** Government programme 2023–2028
ABROAD	**No official programme yet** Australia PEV: 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

Feed and care: Feed and water the animals every day; Grow or buy grass and feed; Herd animals to pasture and back.

Keep animals healthy: Check animals for sickness and injury; Give vaccines and simple treatment, or call the vet; Keep pens, sheds and water clean.

Breed and raise: Choose good animals for breeding; Help animals give birth and look after the young; Milk cows, buffalo or goats.

Sell and keep records: Watch market prices and decide when to sell; Sell animals, meat, milk or hides; Write down births, sickness, feed and sales.

Based on the ILO description of ISCO-08 unit group 6121, Livestock and dairy producers.

WHERE YOU WORK

Family farms (Cattle, buffalo, pigs, goats and chickens); Pig and poultry farms (The Government plans special pig and poultry systems); Livestock centres (Livestock development and training centres); Pasture land (Herding and growing feed).

You work outdoors every day, in rain and sun, and animals need care on weekends and holidays too. The work is physical: carrying feed and water, and handling big animals.

The Government plans free vaccines, more vets, a research centre for animal breeding and a cattle breeders' association. It also wants small businesses that chill, process and pack meat.

IS IT FOR ME?

You are good at: Physical work, Noticing when an animal is sick, Getting up early, Patience, Basic maths for feed and sales.

You like: Animals, Being outdoors, Working with your hands, Being your own boss.

A notebook or phone to record your animals helps you see which ones grow well and which ones cost you money.

TRAIN FOR IT IN TIMOR-LESTE

- **CNEFP Tibar: Livestock** · Level I, new in 2025; nine people finished it that year. It was not in the list of courses open for 2026.
- **Produção Animal (Diploma II)** · Betano polytechnic (IPB; its new name IPTL is to confirm). Two years, four semesters; first intake in 2017.
- **Faculdade de Agricultura, UNTL** · Its fields include livestock (pecuária) and animal health. Course titles: to confirm.

No INDMO national certificate for livestock is listed yet, and the published list is incomplete. Length of the CNEFP course and fees: to confirm. The directory never shows a number without a source.

WHERE IT LEADS

- **Livestock farmer** · Start on a family farm; CNEFP Livestock level I
- **Animal-production technician** · Diploma II in Produção Animal
- **Veterinarian or animal-health technician** · Animal health at the UNTL Faculty of Agriculture (ISCO 2250 / 3240)
- **Your own livestock business** · Startups of Timor helps you start one

WORK ABROAD, SAFELY

- **Australia: Pacific Engagement Visa** · No official programme recruits Timorese workers for this job yet. Australia's Pacific Engagement Visa allows any occupation, but you need a job offer first.

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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