**Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations** is projected to add 1,170 new jobs to the Arkansas labor market, a 5.75 percent gain, becoming the fastest growing occupational supersector in the state. Of the 3,619 annual job openings, 769 are for those created from employees leaving the workforce, while 2,265 are from people changing jobs. Growth and expansion would account for 585 annual job openings.

**2-Year Projected (2018-2020) Growth Rate: 5.75%  
Biggest Gain: Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse (45-2092) – 522 jobs  
Fastest Gain: Agricultural Equipment Operators (45-2091) – 8.47%   
Biggest Loser: Agricultural Inspectors (45-2011) – 3 jobs  
Fastest Loser: Logging Workers, All Other (45-2099) – 0.88%**

**Short-Term Outlook 2018-2020**

**Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations (45-0000)**

***Supervisors of Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Workers*** is expected to gain 40 jobs during the projection period, a 4.43 percent gain. The occupational family anticipates 140 annual job openings.

The majority of the gain could come in the ***Agricultural Workers*** occupational family, with an anticipated growth of 1,114 jobs. Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse is projected to gain 522 jobs, or 7.65 percent of its workforce, while Farmworkers, Farm, Ranch, and Aquacultural Animals could gain 411, an increase of 6.50 percent. The ***Agricultural Workers*** family is slated to have 3,133 annual job openings.

The ***Forest, Conservation, and Logging Workers*** occupational family is predicted to gain 16 jobs during the projection period. Logging Equipment Operators could see the majority of that gain with an increase of 12 jobs. The occupational family is still predicted to have around 344 annual job openings between 2018 and 2020.

**Workforce Development Area Outlook  
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations**

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| **Workforce Development Area** | **2018 Estimated Employment** | **2020 Projected Employment** | **Numeric Change** | **Percent Change** | **Annual Openings- Exits** | **Annual Openings- Transfers** | **Annual Openings- Change** | **Annual Openings- Total** |
| Northwest Arkansas | 3,949 | 4,124 | 175 | 4.43% | 149 | 446 | 88 | 683 |
| North Central Arkansas | 1,613 | 1,848 | 235 | 14.57% | 62 | 194 | 118 | 374 |
| Northeast Arkansas | 2,189 | 2,472 | 283 | 12.93% | 86 | 256 | 142 | 484 |
| Western Arkansas | 1,808 | 1,871 | 63 | 3.48% | 68 | 199 | 32 | 299 |
| West Central Arkansas | 2,285 | 2,435 | 150 | 6.56% | 87 | 254 | 75 | 416 |
| Central Arkansas | 1,414 | 1,497 | 83 | 5.87% | 54 | 162 | 42 | 258 |
| Eastern Arkansas | 1,072 | 1,092 | 20 | 1.87% | 40 | 121 | 10 | 171 |
| Southwest Arkansas | 1,989 | 2,019 | 30 | 1.51% | 72 | 212 | 15 | 299 |
| Southeast Arkansas | 2,402 | 2,525 | 123 | 5.12% | 91 | 263 | 62 | 416 |