



CAREER PROFILE

Animal Nutritional Consultant

As livestock ranches pass from one generation to the next, the owners are continually growing and improving, especially when it comes to the health and growth potential of their animals. Animal nutritional consultants who work for CHS—the largest cooperative in the United States and one of the biggest names in **agronomy**, energy, and grain processing—help ranchers connect the dots in raising their animals into healthy livestock.

WHAT IS AN ANIMAL NUTRITIONAL CONSULTANT? ^{1,2,3}

At CHS, **animal nutritional consultants** act like meal planners and menu makers for their customers' livestock. They offer full-service nutritional consultation and customized feeding programs to precisely fit each ranch's practices, pastures, and preferences. When an animal nutritional consultant hears a rancher's need, they try to bridge the gap between where the animals are and where they need to be. Their goal is to get all of the animals off to a healthy start with the right nutrition. Experienced CHS animal nutritionists offer consultation on the latest in customized ration planning, livestock nutritional management, animal health, environmental engineering, and feed financing.

CAREER OUTLOOK ^{1,4}

The job outlook for animal nutritional consultants is projected to grow at an average rate. CHS will always need animal nutritionists and nutritional consultants to bridge the gap between their products and their customers' needs!

Projected job growth: 7% (2016–2026)

Average annual salary: \$75,030*

¹ <https://www.chsinc.com/about-chs/news/news/2021/08/30/calf-starter-nutrition>

² <https://www.chsfarmersalliance.com/chs-feed/>

³ <https://jobs.aarp.org/job/nutrition-consultant-harrisburg-oregon-62115535>

⁴ <https://www.thebalancecareers.com/animal-nutritionist-125606>

AGRONOMY: The science behind soil management and crop production.

AM I...

Self-motivated?
Goal-oriented?
Good at math?

DO I...

Like public speaking?
Pay attention to details?
Think critically?

***Note:** Listed salary amounts reflect national averages and should only be used as a reference. Compensation can vary due to a variety of factors ranging from location, industry, cost of living, years of experience, and more. You should expect to discuss salary on a job-by-job basis.

IS ANIMAL NUTRITIONAL CONSULTANT A GOOD CAREER FOR ME?

Animal nutritional consultants are:

- Excellent at written and verbal communication.
- Concerned with the health and welfare of animals.
- Critical thinkers.
- Problem solvers.

HOW DO I BECOME AN ANIMAL NUTRITIONAL CONSULTANT?

You will need to:

- Take classes in agriculture, math, biology, and business.
- Develop your communication skills.
- Get job experience developing marketing plans.

