



Food Production Supervisor

A Food Production Supervisor is responsible for the production of outputs and operating activities of food products in a manner to obtain maximum efficiency at acceptable cost within specified standards. May be responsible for an entire assembly line or one entity such as quality control.



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career profile

Name: Luther Waltz
Job Title: Food Production
Supervisor

Employer: Kraft Foods, Inc.

Education: BS, University of Delaware: Newark

 I chose a career in food production because I love science, math, and cooking. I also thought I would have job security since everyone has to eat. I prepared for my career by going to college and getting a degree in food science and technology. While in school I received an internship in a food science lab.

 I worked myself up through the ranks in food product development to become a supervisor. I am now responsible for establishing and implementing policies, procedures, and programs that ensure food products are developed, manufactured, and marketed with superior quality. I see that they meet in-house specifications and are in compliance with regulatory agencies. I review and check plant

sanitation. I lead and facilitate customer inspections of products and facilities. I manage daily and weekly product evaluations and report findings to management. I hire, train, and motivate plant personnel. I coordinate shifts, arrange schedules, and monitor employee performance. I am also responsible for maintaining my own technical expertise and keeping up-to-date on quality control standards.

 I like how each day at my job is different. I love the challenge of making something work and finding new ways to create a food product. I appreciate that my job allows me to be creative and analytical at the same time.



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overview



A **food production supervisor** is responsible for researching and coordinating the manufacturing of food.

suggested high school courses



agricultural science, food science, biotechnology, biology, chemistry, and mathematics

experience needed



Participate in a school science fair. Plan and implement a related Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) Program. Seek an internship while in school to gain practical experience.

degree(s) required



A bachelor's degree in food science, food engineering, business, or industrial engineering is necessary to be considered for most food production supervisor positions.

potential employers



Kraft Foods, Inc., Nabisco, Inc., beverage companies, colleges and universities

salary range



\$22,000 to \$66,000

employment outlook and trends



The future outlook for food production supervisors is projected to be **good to excellent**.

professional organizations



Food Processing Suppliers Association www.fpsa.org/
Institute of Food Technologists www.ift.org/
Food Ingredient Distributors Association www.fidassoc.com/
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