



# 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.

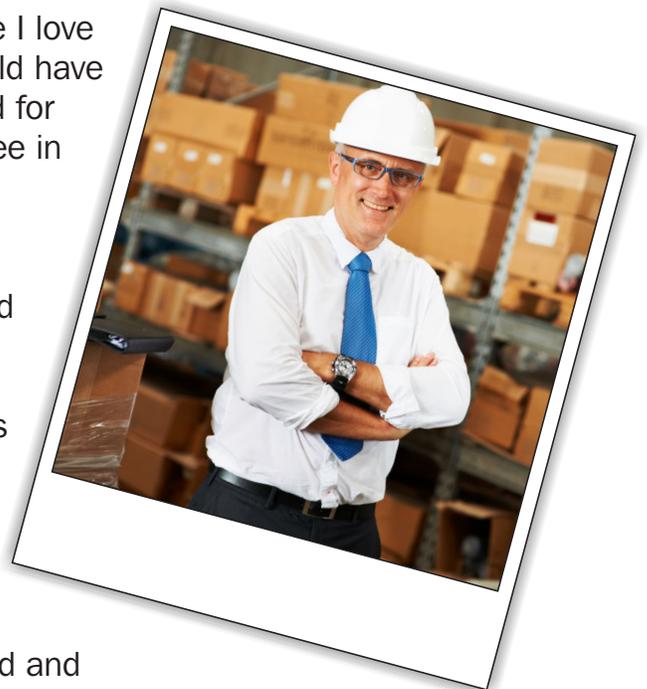
Education: BS, University of Delaware: Newark

 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/](http://www.fpsa.org/)  
Institute of Food Technologists [www.ift.org/](http://www.ift.org/)  
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