FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

Nestlé in the United States is committed to unlocking the power of food to enhance quality of life for everyone, today and for generations to come. With more than 30,000 employees across 28 states, we offer a wide portfolio of food and beverage products for people and their pets.

As the world’s largest food and beverage company, supporting access to food is a top priority of our community engagement in the United States. We’re working to help ensure thriving, resilient communities through sustainability initiatives, employee volunteerism, and neighborhood-based partnerships.

From growing crops, to coming up with new product ideas, to overseeing production facilities, to working with retail customers, consumers, brands and employees, to partnering with nonprofits and other organizations, there are many different career paths that contribute to producing food and supporting our local communities!

RELATED CAREERS

There are a variety of careers that can impact the journey a food product takes from start to finish.

These could include:

FARMERS who grow the ingredients used for making food

FACTORY WORKERS who use machines and technology to make products

ENGINEERS who design packaging that helps keep food and beverage products safe

CAREER SPOTLIGHT:

Supply and Demand Planning Manager

Oversees supply and demand, finance, and project management and explores how consumers can get Nestlé products beyond standard brick-and-mortar businesses like grocery stores.

SPARK MOMENT: “The supply chain field has given me the opportunity and flexibility to grow across different roles like warehouse planning and customer service – I get to use my critical thinking skills through technology and software to solve complex challenges.”

Corporate Affairs Manager

Represents Nestlé and advocates for issues impacting the food system, such as programs to help provide access to food.

SPARK MOMENT: “During my senior year of high school, I took a civics class and really enjoyed the course – this led me to pursue political science and economics in college, and I was excited to learn about policy and social programs. Growing up in an area where there was so much need across the board, especially with food security, was a strong pull for me to pursue this work.”
Nestlé in the United States is working to reduce food waste across our operations. One example of this is our leftover-sharing initiative at Purina’s St. Louis headquarters, which was created to help reduce food waste after catered meetings at our office.

Our factories are working to reduce waste, too! For example, our Libby’s pumpkin factory in Morton, IL finds new life for pumpkin waste—such as rinds and skin—using them as land-applied fertilizer or seeds as wild squirrel food. Our team members also visit pumpkin fields regularly to help make sure the crops grow correctly.

CAREER SPOTLIGHT:  
Senior Analyst, Corporate Affairs  
Works with local representatives to understand how policies impact areas such as nutrition and food security.  
**Spark Moment:** “I love seeing how the government serves so many different constituents and can help solve important problems like food security – it’s fun to work in a role where every day is a little different.”

Senior Manager, Community Affairs  
Builds partnerships with nonprofits by identifying what these groups need to pursue their mission and how Nestlé can help advance their social and environmental pursuits.  
**Spark Moment:** “When I was younger, I received food assistance services, so I have a strong personal connection with ensuring others have what they need. I also was involved in a lot of volunteer projects as a teenager, and this made me appreciate giving back.”

RELATED CAREERS  
There are many careers that focus on creating more sustainable processes and supporting our communities. These could include:  
**Food Scientists** who come up with new products to meet consumers’ needs  
**Consultants** who help companies identify how to reduce waste and increase efficiencies  
**Program Managers** who support events that help provide food to local communities
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Nestlé Health Science collaborates with nonprofits to provide opportunities for students to attend harvesting and nutrition workshops where they gain hands-on gardening skills and learn about how food grows. They also can help harvest produce for those in need and take home delicious samples to share with their families.

Nestlé also works with urban farming organizations and school programs that help educate people on growing their own food and collaborate with groups that provide emergency assistance to residents who don’t know where their next meal is coming from — in 2023, we donated over ten million meals across the U.S.!

CAREER SPOTLIGHT:
Agricultural Manager
Works with growers to grow, harvest, and deliver ingredients (in this case, pumpkins!) to our factory that produces Libby’s 100% pure pumpkin.

SPARK MOMENT: “I really like the harvest season, which is when we make sure our pumpkins are ready, place our pumpkins in rows using machines, and take them to our factory. I enjoy going into the field and working with my hands, and it’s always exciting when I get to tell my team we had a great harvest.”

Environmental Project Manager
Helps Nestlé advance its sustainability initiatives in our facilities, ensuring all requirements are met and driving efforts forward to help reduce Nestlé’s impact on the environment.

SPARK MOMENT: “I grew up in the 4-H program, and always felt connected to the idea of doing good for your health, your community, and for the world. This gave me that broad perspective and desire to find a job that can have positive impact holistically.”

RELATED CAREERS:
There are a variety of careers that contribute to growing and producing food, as well as helping to reduce food waste. These could include:

- **RESEARCHERS** who investigate farming and agriculture practices to increase crop yields
- **SUPPLY CHAIN SPECIALISTS** who help manage safe and efficient movement of food from farms to consumers
- **PROCUREMENT SPECIALISTS** who work with suppliers to source key ingredients

Learn more.