

FINDING WORK



VERMILION PACKERS

The Company

Vermilion Packers has been in the same location in Vermilion for over 35 years. Bought 12 years ago by its present owner, it is independently owned and provides the residents of Vermilion and area with a high quality meat product. The company sells wholesale and retail meats and provides the following services: custom slaughter, wholesale and retail meats, sausage making, roasts, catering, custom cutting and wrapping, complete meat processing. Vermilion Packers proudly processes meat obtained locally.

Vermilion Packers typically employs between 10 and 15 people depending upon the season.

The Ideal Candidate

The ideal candidate will demonstrate the following attributes:

- will be physically fit
- must be able to work with others
- must be able to take and understand instructions
- will have excellent customer service skills
- be honest and dependable
- experience preferred, but will train

The Work

All employees are employed in the cutting and processing of meat and meat products. The environment may be noisy, messy and cold.

Employees must wear appropriate clothing and protection and rubber boots and be able to stand



for extended periods. Whites and aprons are supplied by the company.

Vermilion Packers offers the following types of positions in its company:



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Slaughtering Personnel

- slaughtering animals : sheep, goat, lambs, pork and beef using stunning devices and knives
- skin, clean and trim carcasses
- split carcasses into smaller portions

Meat Cutters

- Cut, trim, and otherwise prepare standard cuts of meat, poultry, for sale at self-serve counters or according to customers' orders
- Grind meats and slice cooked meats using powered grinders and slicing machines
- Prepare special displays of meat, shape, lace and tie roasts and other meats
- Ensure food storage conditions are adequate

Sausage Maker

- grind, extract, mix, blend, cook or otherwise process meat products into luncheon meat, smoked and fresh product
- smoke and process hams and bacon

Labourers

- help on kill floor
- boning, cleaning, grinding meat
- grinding meat, boxing orders
- general labour

Cleaners

- general maintenance, cleaning and disinfecting of machinery and equipment
- sweep, clean and disinfect premises

Truck Drivers

- must have Class 5 Driver's Licence
- deliver and pick up orders
- must be able to lift moderate weights

Wrappers

- sorting and wrapping meat
- weighing and recording meat products for sale

Bookkeeper

- Keep financial records and establish, maintain and balance various accounts using manual and computerized bookkeeping systems
- Post journal entries and reconcile accounts, prepare trial balance of books, maintain general ledgers and prepare financial statements
- Calculate and prepare cheques for payrolls and for utility, tax and other bills
- Complete and submit tax remittance forms, workers' compensation forms, pension contribution forms and other government documents

Training

Vermilion Packers provides in-house training and Food Safety courses as well as First Aid/CPR. All courses are paid for by the company.

Hours, Pay and Benefits

Hours of work are typically 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on average five days a week. The company is open on Saturday and a minimum staff complement may be scheduled to work. Employees usually work 40 hours per week.

The pay ranges from \$10 to \$15.50 per hour depending on experience and qualifications. Vacation is in accordance with the *Labour Standards Act* of Alberta. All other leave is negotiable. There is a probationary period of two weeks.

How to Apply

Vacancies are typically advertised in the local and media and on the ALIS Job Bank.

Applicants should apply *in person* with résumé and references are preferred. Apply to:

Vermilion Packers Ltd
4825 47 Ave
Vermilion, AB T9X 1J4

Telephone: 780-853-4622
Fax: 780-853-4623



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