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1 About this career

Fruit farmers run commercial orchards of pomegranate, custard apple, kinnow, ber and date palm suited to Rajasthan's hot, dry climate. The work spans planting, irrigation, harvesting, grading, food processing and reaching mandis or export markets. It rewards low-water, high-value crops with strong entrepreneurship and income potential.

2 At a glance

Field	Horticulture / Agriculture
Minimum qualification	Class 12; degree/diploma helpful
Starting salary	Rs 2–5 lakh/year
Setting	Farm, orchard, processing unit

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Working with hands in the open field
- Connecting with plants and nature
- Organising and planning tasks

ABILITIES

- Working with tools, equipment and software
- Understanding relationships between things
- Sense of shape and space

KEY SKILLS

- Soil preparation and planting
- Pest, disease and crop management
- Fruit processing (pulp, juice, dried fruit)
- Record-keeping and business management
- Drip irrigation and water management
- Harvesting, grading and storage
- Market research and marketing

4 How to get there

- 1 Finish Class 12, ideally with agriculture science.
- 2 A B.Sc. Agriculture/Horticulture degree or diploma (optional but useful).
- 3 Attend fruit-farming workshops at agricultural universities.
- 4 Gain hands-on experience with progressive farmers or nurseries.
- 5 Start with a small orchard and expand into a processing unit.

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture & Technology (MPUAT) — Udaipur (<https://www.mpuat.ac.in/>)
- Sri Karan Narendra Agriculture University (SKNAU) — Jobner, Jaipur (<https://www.sknau.ac.in/>)
- Agriculture University, Kota — Kota (<https://www.aukota.org/>)
- Agriculture University, Jodhpur — Jodhpur (<https://www.aujodhpur.ac.in/>)
- ICAR-Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI) — Jodhpur

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

- Vidya Bhawan Society — Udaipur
- Banasthali Vidyapith (women only) — Niwai, Tonk
- Suresh Gyan Vihar University — Jaipur

ONLINE

- SWAYAM (horticulture courses) — Online (<https://swayam.gov.in/>)
- IGNOU — Distance learning (<https://www.ignou.ac.in/>)

FEES

Most government training schemes are free. Degree/diploma course fees vary by institute; roughly Rs 20,000 to Rs 1 lakh per year in 2026.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- National Scholarship Portal (<https://scholarships.gov.in>)
- Buddy4Study (<https://www.buddy4study.com>)

- Rajasthan SJE Scholarships (<https://sje.rajasthan.gov.in/>)
- Vidya Lakshmi (education loans) (<https://www.vidyalakshmi.co.in>)

6 What the work is like

WHERE YOU WORK

Farms, orchards, rural areas, research and training centres, and food-processing units.

WORK CULTURE

Mostly fieldwork, with some desk work for market research and records. Typically 6 days a week, 6–8 hours a day, with seasonal peaks.

WHO HIRES

- Own orchard/nursery (self-employment)
- Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs)
- Agri-exporters and mandi traders
- Food-processing companies
- Rajasthan Horticulture Department
- Nurseries and sapling businesses

DEMAND (2026)

Demand for pomegranate, date, kinnow and custard apple is rising fast in Rajasthan's arid belt. Government micro-irrigation and horticulture schemes plus a growing market for processed fruit products keep opportunities expanding.

7 Career growth

- 1 Farm Manager
- 2 Agri Entrepreneur
- 3 Processing Specialist
- 4 Agriculture Trainer/Consultant
- 5 Fruit Exporter

EARNINGS

Starting	₹2-3 लाख/वर्ष
Mid level	₹4-6 लाख/वर्ष
Senior level	₹8 लाख+/वर्ष

Income depends on orchard size, crop and processing; these are approximate 2026 estimates and can vary.

8 The good parts · The challenges

The good parts

- High-value crops that need little water
- Self-employment and entrepreneurship opportunities
- Open, outdoor work amid nature

The challenges

- Risk from weather and market-price swings
- Initial years of waiting before trees bear fruit
- Physically demanding fieldwork

9 Real-life journeys

Lalita Mukati

Organic fruit orchardist & processing entrepreneur, Barwani (Madhya Pradesh)

A homemaker-turned-farmer from Barwani district, Madhya Pradesh, Lalita Mukati grows custard apple, lemon, chikoo, guava and gooseberry organically across about 70 of her 105-acre farm. Her fruit orchards alone earn Rs 35-40 lakh a year; she also runs a de-seeding unit for custard-apple pulp and, through her Maa Durga Krishi Mahila Sangathan, brings other women into organic farming.

30Stades · <https://30stades.com/2021/08/23/how-madhya-pradesh-lalita-mukati-became-millionaire-organic-farmer-agriculture-farming/>

Abdul Rahman

Date palm (khajur) farmer, Jaipur, Rajasthan

A progressive farmer growing date palms in Rajasthan's dry climate, Abdul Rahman earns roughly Rs 10-15 lakh a year. Honoured at the Pusa Agricultural Fair 2022, he champions the date palm as ideal for the desert, where a single tree yields for about 100 years on intense sun and little water.

Kisan of India · <https://www.kisanofindia.com/latest-news/rajasthan-farmer-date-palm-cultivation-khajoor-ki-kheti/13813>

10 If this route does not work out

One exam or one attempt does not close the door. The same subjects also open these routes — entry is usually easier, and you can return to this field later.

- Plant Grafter
- Natural Farming Expert
- Camel Milk Producer

11 Sources & further reading

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3. NIRF Rankings — <https://www.nirfindia.org/>



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