

# Wade Blair

## Production Butcher

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### STRENGTHS

-  **Knife Skills**  
Consistently demonstrated precision in meat cutting and tool utilization, leading training for peers.
-  **Food Safety Compliance**  
Prioritized food safety standards, establishing best practices among team members and cultivating accountability.
-  **Team Collaboration**  
Fostered strong relationships among coworkers, resulting in a supportive work environment focused on common goals.
-  **Quality Assurance**  
Diligently inspected cuts and portions to uphold high quality and consistency across all products prepared.
-  **Organizational Skills**  
Maintained an efficient workspace which significantly contributed to smooth, uninterrupted production runs.

### SKILLS

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| Meat cutting and processing   |  |
| Knife safety and handling     |  |
| Food safety and sanitation    |  |
| Quality control and assurance |  |
| Team collaboration            |  |
| Inventory management          |  |

### LANGUAGES

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| English | Native       |
| Spanish | Intermediate |

### SUMMARY

Driven production butcher with over five years in food processing and meat cutting. Proven track record for adhering to safety regulations while producing high-quality meat products. Skilled in knife handling, portioning, and maintaining strict hygiene protocols. Committed to fostering teamwork in fast-paced environments and resolving issues proactively. Known for optimizing workflow and training peers on best practices, ensuring long-term compliance with quality standards. Eager to bring expertise to a reputable local meat company, enhancing the meat production process through collaboration and a shared commitment to excellence.

### EXPERIENCE

#### Production Butcher

Fresh Cuts Meat Company  June 2022 - Present  Tacoma, WA

- Support team and production goals in the role of production butcher by managing day-to-day operations, ensuring adherence to stringent quality checks, and enhancing workplace safety protocols. Utilize advanced knife skills and maintain equipment critical for meat preparation.
- Execute precise cutting and trimming of meat products, consistently meeting production volume and quality benchmarks.
  - Operate and ensure maintenance of various cutting equipment, complying with all safety rules during operations.
  - Collaborate closely with team members to sustain workflow efficiency, swiftly addressing any quality-related concerns.
  - Train new recruits in proper food handling techniques emphasizing safety and sanitation standards.
  - Implement regular freshness inspections, promptly communicating route corrections to enhance product quality.
  - Maintain an organized and sanitized work environment, contributing to operational effectiveness and compliance.

#### Meat Cutter

Gourmet Meats Inc.  April 2020 - May 2022  Everett, WA

- Integral part of a robust meat-cutting team where operational support led to achieving key business targets through exemplary processing skills and attention to detail.
- Prepared and processed a diverse range of meat products, surpassing daily production goals.
  - Mastered safe operation of complex meat-processing machinery, ensuring compliance with health regulations.
  - Conducted thorough quality control checks, guaranteeing only top-notch products reached customers.
  - Monitored inventory effectively, assuring continuous production flow by tracking usage meticulously.
  - Engaged actively with team discussions, sharing insights and improvement suggestions that enhanced operational workflows.
  - Promoted quality by participating extensively in staff workshops centered around best practices.

#### Culinary Assistant

Farm Fresh Butchers  January 2018 - March 2020  Bellingham, WA

- Gained experience in food preparation and customer engagement within the meat industry. Supported functions contributing significantly to retail success and streamlined operations.
- Assisted lead butchers in preparing varied meat cuts, gaining substantial hands-on experience in cutting and food safety.
  - Maintained workspace cleanliness, ensuring organizational effectiveness and safety compliance.
  - Provided exceptional service in the retail meat department, helping customers make informed choices.
  - Participated in comprehensive team training on knife skills and sanitation regulations.

MY CAREER



- Production Butcher at Fresh Cuts Meat Company (4.2 Years)
- Meat Cutter at Gourmet Meats Inc. (2.1 Years)
- Culinary Assistant at Farm Fresh Butchers (2.2 Years)

- Supported preparations for special events, guaranteeing timely availability of assorted meat products.
- Worked alongside culinary teams in recipe innovation, contributing to diverse offerings that attracted more customers.

LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

- Employee of the Month, January 2023 at Fresh Cuts Meat Company
- Best New Product Line Recognition, 2022 at Gourmet Meats Inc.

EDUCATION

Certificate in Culinary Arts

Seattle Culinary Institute 🎓 GPA: 3.8 📅 2025 📍 Seattle, WA

*Coursework: Meat Processing, Food Safety, Knife Skills, Sanitation Standards*

CERTIFICATIONS

- Food Safety Certification 📅 2025
- Knife Skills Certification 📅 2024

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Food Production Equipment:** Knives, Saws, Grinders
- **Safety Regulations:** OSHA, Health Codes, Sanitation Standards
- **Inventory Control Systems:** FIFO Methods, Stock Rotations, Inventory Logs
- **Food Quality Standards:** USDA Guidelines, State Regulations, Internal Protocols
- **Training Programs:** Hands-On Techniques, Safety Training, Compliance Education
- **Customer Service Practices:** Product Knowledge, Client Interaction, Support Services
- **Order Management Systems:** POS Systems, Order Tracking, Demand Forecasting
- **Workplace Cleanliness Standards:** Hygiene Practices, Regular Sanitization, Tool Storage
- **Product Preparation Techniques:** Cutting Styles, Portion Sizes, Marination Processes
- **Culinary Innovation:** Recipe Development, Product Testing, Flavor Pairings

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member of the Local Meat Producers Association
- Participant in Community Food Safety Workshops

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Work Status** : Authorized to work in United States. No sponsorship required.

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST