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Directions:

Using the article “Cultivate a Career in Agriculture” (<https://www.agcareers.com/ag-and-food-career-guide/2025/US/27/>), complete the activity below.

Pre-Reading

Answer these questions before reading the article.

The AgExplorer website showcases agriculture careers from 12 different career pathways in the agriculture industry. See if you can think of at least one career for each career focus area.

Agribusiness Systems	Agricultural Education Systems	Agriculture Technology Systems	Animal Systems	Biotechnology Systems	Environmental Service Systems
Food Products and Processing Systems	Natural Resources Systems	Plant Systems	Power, Structural and Technical Systems	Skilled Trade Systems	Sustainability Systems

Post-Reading

Answer these questions after reading the article.

Complete the case study charts for each FFA alumni featured in the article.

Agricultural Business Career Focus Area	
Name of Featured Alum:	What is their role/position and company?
What do they do? Summarize in one or two sentences.	From the alum’s story, what skills or qualities helped them succeed?
List two careers mentioned, related to this alum’s story.	What is one lesson from this alum’s story that connects to you?

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Technology Career Focus Area

Name of Featured Alum:

What is their role/position and company?

What do they do? Summarize in one or two sentences.

From the alum's story, what skills or qualities helped them succeed?

List two careers mentioned, related to this alum's story.

What is one lesson from this alum's story that connects to you?

Sustainability Career Focus Area

Name of Featured Alum:

What is their role/position and company?

What do they do? Summarize in one or two sentences.

From the alum's story, what skills or qualities helped them succeed?

List two careers mentioned, related to this alum's story.

What is one lesson from this alum's story that connects to you?

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Biotechnology Career Focus Area

Name of Featured Alum:	What is their role/position and company?
What do they do? Summarize in one or two sentences.	From the alum's story, what skills or qualities helped them succeed?
List two careers mentioned, related to this alum's story.	What is one lesson from this alum's story that connects to you?

Skilled Trades Career Focus Area

Name of Featured Alum:	What is their role/position and company?
What do they do? Summarize in one or two sentences.	From the alum's story, what skills or qualities helped them succeed?
List two careers mentioned, related to this alum's story.	What is one lesson from this alum's story that connects to you?

1. What are two common skills or qualities that you notice across multiple alumni stories that seem important for success in agriculture careers?

2. Which story stands out to you the most? Explain.

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Dig Deeper

Explore an agriculture career of your choice more deeply through the AgExplorer website.

Visit AgExplorer.FFA.org/focus/.

1. Circle the career focus area you are going to select a career from.

☐ Agribusiness Systems	☐ Agricultural Education Systems	☐ Agriculture Technology Systems	☐ Animal Systems	☐ Biotechnology Systems	☐ Environmental Service Systems
☐ Food Products and Processing Systems	☐ Natural Resources Systems	☐ Plant Systems	☐ Power, Structural and Technical Systems	☐ Skilled Trade Systems	☐ Sustainability Systems

2. Choose a career from your selected career focus area and write that career here:

3. Complete this chart about your selected career.

Describe this career in your own words.	List four responsibilities you would have in this career.		
Describe the typical employers for this career.	List two professional organizations/associations for this career.	What is the average salary for this career?	Describe the education/training requirements for this career.
Describe one SAE Connection to this career.	Describe one FFA Connection to this career.		

4. Write a "next step" stating what you can do this year (in agriculture class, your SAE program, FFA experience, etc.) to take your first step toward the career you selected.

5. Explain one takeaway from the alumni career stories that can help you pursue this career or another future career.