

Did you know that agriculture — the food, fiber and natural resources industry — is the nation's largest employer, with more than 24 million people working in some phase?

Did you know that there is more employment opportunity in the agriculture industry than there are qualified employees to fill the positions?

Did you know that of the 24 million Americans who work in agriculture today, less than two percent of those are involved in traditional agriculture?

Did you know that agriculture has become a wide-ranging opportunity for employment in every discipline of professional life — from science and technology to marketing and communications to outdoor recreation to financial management?

Do you like to have fun while learning?

Do you like change?

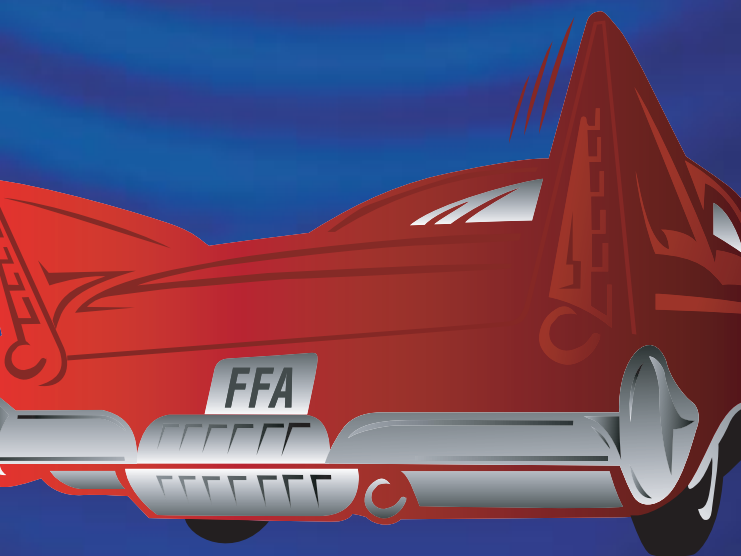
Do you like making lifelong friends?

Do you like to experience new things?

Do you like to travel?

Do you want an exciting career that pays well, keeps you motivated and challenged?

Then consider Agricultural Science Education and FFA!



FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

Agricultural education prepares students for successful careers and a lifetime of informed choices in the global agriculture, food, fiber and natural resources systems.

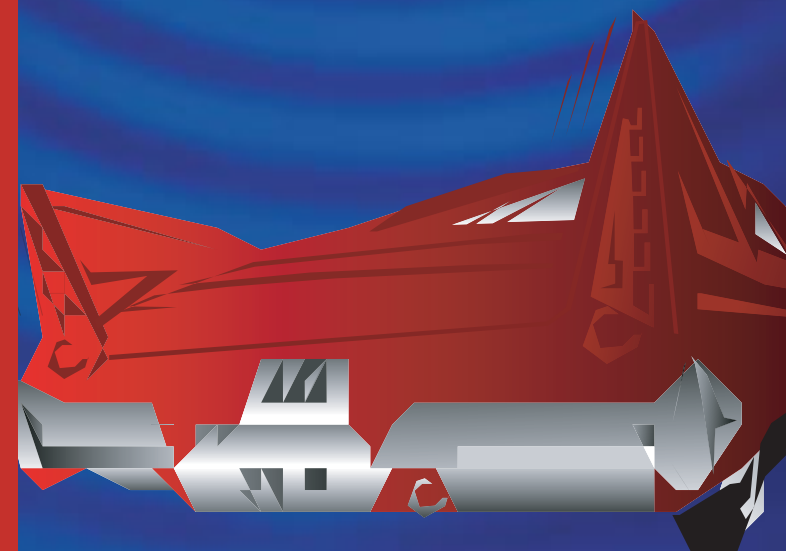
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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES





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Through agricultural science education and FFA, student members discover their talents and interests for lifelong success.

Working with agriculture's leading industries, universities and leadership experts, FFA identified the business and character skills necessary for employee success and develops those skills in FFA members.

Agricultural science education's integrated model of education, combining classroom instruction with hands-on experience and FFA prepare students to achieve success in the food, fiber and natural resource industries in more than 300 different career fields.

Agricultural science education and FFA help students discover their passion in life and become productive and engaged citizens.

The personal growth, leadership, and career success skills acquired through FFA experience serve members throughout their entire lives.

The opportunities for agriculture students and FFA members, go beyond traditional careers associated with agriculture. They become scientists, veterinarians, dietitians, lab techs, business leaders, government officials, entrepreneurs, lawyers, and teachers – the future possibilities are endless for those who get on the agricultural education and FFA career highway.



AGRICULTURAL CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

FOOD PRODUCTS AND PROCESSING SYSTEMS

Do you like to eat? The food industry offers many occupations. These include: food processing, preserving, packaging, distribution, government oversight and regulation. Other jobs include food scientists, agricultural communications specialists, nutritionists, bacteriologists, biochemists, agricultural sales, food brokers, food and drug inspectors, food processors, quality control specialists, meat processors, toxicologist, food and fiber engineers.

PLANT SYSTEMS

There is more to agriculture than just planting. Plant systems offer an array of career choices. This extensive field involves designing and tending plants and landscapes in the human environment as well as agronomy, forestry, viticulture, soil and turf management. Occupations include bioinformatics specialists, plant breeders and geneticists, biotechnology lab technician, soil and water specialists, crop farm managers, agricultural educators, plant pathologist, aquaculturalist, landscape architect, groundskeeper, turf manager, golf course superintendent, ranchers, farmers, grain operations superintendents, commodity marketing specialists, nursery owners, technicians or workers, or pest control technician.

AGRICULTURE SCIENCES, PROCESSES AND SUPPORT SERVICES

This agricultural area is integral in keeping America the number one source for affordable quality food through education, sales and marketing and regulatory measures. Jobs include agricultural educators, livestock producers and buyers, AI technicians, aquaculturalist, animal

caretakers and managers, equine managers, veterinarians, veterinary assistants, animal scientist, feedlot specialists, wildlife biologists, meat science researcher, embryo transfer technicians, USDA inspectors, livestock geneticists and reproductive physiologists.

POWER, STRUCTURAL AND TECHNICAL SYSTEMS

Geospatial technology, power, structures, systems, electronics, hydraulics and pneumatics dominate this agricultural career area. Jobs include machine operators, agricultural engineers, agricultural engineers, recycling, wastewater treatment managers, welders, machinists, communication technicians, agricultural application software developers and programmers, global positioning system technicians and remote sensing specialists.

NATURAL RESOURCES SYSTEMS

Parks and recreation management, habitat conservation, mining, environmental services, fisheries, forest products and soil conservation make up this area of agriculture career possibilities. Jobs include cartographer, wildlife managers, environmental interpreters, fish and game officers, loggers, forest technicians, pulp and paper managers, soil geology technicians, hydrologist, fish hatchery managers, commercial fishing, water monitoring and mining engineers.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE SYSTEMS

The area deals with the management of water and air quality, hazardous materials, solid waste management and sanitation ensuring the best for quality of life for the earth's inhabitants. Jobs such as environmental scientists, health and safety compliance managers, re-manufacturers, recyclers, hazardous materials handlers and technicians, water environment managers, solid waste specialist, pollution prevention and control technicians and toxicologists.

AGRIBUSINESS SYSTEMS

This support area provides the sales and service, marketing, management, finance, economics and entrepreneurship of the agriculture industry. Jobs include sales representatives and managers, banker or loan officer, insurance, investment management, commodity brokers, buyers, field service and livestock supervisors.

