

## AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND EDUCATION

### FACULTY

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### DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAMS

The Department of Agricultural Economics and Education offers *bachelor of science degree* programs of study in agricultural business, agricultural economics, and agricultural education, and the *master of science degree* in agricultural business.

Faculty advisors provide individual assistance to students planning academic programs ideally suited to equip them with the requisite knowledge and skills for careers in the following disciplinary areas:

**Agricultural Business** (Ag Ec). Students majoring in agricultural business may prepare for positions in farm management, agribusiness management, agricultural finance, and agricultural marketing among others, while also pursuing related specialized fields of interest (animal science, plant science, mechanized agriculture, entology, food science, nutrition).

**Agricultural Economics** (Ag Ec). Students emphasizing agricultural economics are generally preparing for careers as research and operations analysts with large agribusiness firms, commodity brokerage houses, financial institutions, government agencies, and the cooperative extension service. Since entry level positions in such organizations often require an advanced degree, the program in agricultural economics is designed to provide the student with the necessary preparation for graduate school training in their chosen area of emphasis.

**Agricultural Education** (Ag Ed). The agricultural education major is primarily designed for students preparing for positions as vocational agriculture teachers in secondary schools. They may develop specialized fields in agricultural production, plant sciences, animal sciences, and mechanized agriculture. This major is also designed for students with an interest in a broad-based agricultural degree.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Completion of an approved *Program of Study* will enable graduates to pursue a successful career in any of the following professional positions:

Agricultural economist	Farm or ranch manager
Agricultural journalist	Feedlot foreman
Agricultural publicist	Financial analyst
Agribusiness salesperson	Food processing supervisor
Bank loan officer	Food wholesaler or retailer
Bank branch manager	International agriculturalist
Commodity broker	Land developer
Computer firm representative	Legislative assistant
Cooperative manager	Management consultant
Corporate controller	Market news analyst
Development economist	Marketing researcher
Export-import agent	Packing house manager
Extension farm advisor	Real estate appraiser
Farm accountant	Seed company manager
Farm chemical distributor	Trade association executive
Farm equipment dealer	Vocational agriculture teacher
Farm labor specialist	4-H youth counselor

### INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Internship opportunities for many career positions are available to students through semester-long, eight-hours-per-week management training with local agricultural business firms and support institutions. The department awards such internships on a competitive basis each semester and grants academic credit for this supervised experience (Ag Ec 194). Agricultural business and agricultural education majors are advised to gain practical farming experience under faculty supervision through enrollment in Enterprise Management (196 courses) and concurrent