

Agricultural Education

College of Agricultural Sciences

If you're passionate about agriculture and want to make a difference through education, the Agricultural Education major at Colorado State University offers the perfect path. This hands-on, career-focused program prepares you to lead in the science, business, and technology of agriculture, food, and natural resources. The major offers two concentrations: **Teacher Development**, for those interested in becoming licensed school-based agricultural educators, and **Agricultural Literacy**, for students who want to share the story of agriculture in settings like community programs, nonprofits, or agribusiness.

Whether you see yourself in a classroom or out in the community, this program gives you the tools to educate, lead, and inspire. A key to career success in this field is building strong relationships throughout your college/career journey (networking) and gaining hands-on experience through experiential learning.

Entry Level Employers

K-12 schools
County Extension Offices
AgNext
CSU Spur
Colorado Cattleman's Association
Rocky Mountain Farmers Union
Food & Nutrition Education Programs
Local & State Departments of Ag

Entry Level Job Titles

Agriculture Teacher & FFA Adviser
Administrative & Outreach Coordinator
Education Facilitator
Communication Specialist
Event Coordinator
Education Coordinator
Industry Education Specialist

Mid-Level Positions

*May require additional education or experience
STEM Coordinator
Agricultural Teacher & FFA Adviser
School Administration
Career & Tech Ed Coordinator
Conservation Learning Facilitator
Membership Director
Export Coordinator
Education & Marketing Support Specialist
Professor of Agricultural Sciences
Soil Health Specialist

Many more career pathways exist beyond these examples, which include a mix of verified roles held by CSU grads and common career paths.

Earning Potential & Financial Wellbeing

Typical earnings for Bachelor's degree holders are **86% higher** than those with a high school diploma.

87% of Bachelor's degree holders report **financial wellbeing** (20 points higher than groups with any other level of education).

Median lifetime earnings are **\$1.2 million higher** for bachelor's degree holders.

Source: [APLU](#)

Explore Major-Specific CSU Alum Live Career Data:
<https://col.st/omby6>





Gaining Experience



Learning through direct experiences and active engagement is called **experiential learning**.

These opportunities help you build **CSU Career Competencies** (skills employers highly value across all industries).

Internship Possibilities

My Heroes Therapy

National Western Stock Show

CSU Extension Internships

CSU Ram Scholars

Local farms & agritourism operations

*The required internship for teacher development is known as Student Teaching.

Research Opportunities

Hands-on lab, tech, and teaching experiences at CoBank Center for Agricultural Education

Work with crops & livestock at the Agricultural Research & Development Center (ARDEC) & [Colorado research centers](#) across the state

[CAS Undergraduate Research Fellowship](#)

[How to find a research experience in science](#)

On-Campus Employment

On-Campus employment helps you build your network and develop career competencies while earning money.

Apply for on-campus employment year-round on [Handshake](#).

More experiential learning opportunities in Ag Education

Ag Education Alliance

[CSU Spur & Cam's Ag Academy](#)

[RAM Scholars](#)

Join DARE Diplomats & other [clubs, orgs](#) and [competitive teams](#).

Ag Ed Student Story



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