

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

Food, Fiber and Fuel is Big Business

Agricultural Economics is much more than farm business. You'll study the entire "farm-to-fork" food system, environmental and natural resource issues, local and international economic development, law, policy and more. To customize your degree, you'll select one of these options:

Agribusiness Management and Food Marketing

for students interested in careers in marketing, sales, and management of farms or firms involved in food and agricultural products

Agricultural Economics

for students interested in careers in rural public policy analysis, rural economic development, natural resource and environmental economics, cooperative extension, or other individualized programs

Advanced Studies

for students who plan to pursue graduate study in law, business, public policy or other areas including agricultural economics and international affairs

CAREERS

With a degree in Agricultural Economics, you'll be prepared for positions at the crossroads of agriculture, commerce, public policy and more. Potential career paths may include:

Market Research Analysts

study market conditions to examine potential product sales

2018 Median Pay: \$63,120

Ten-Year Job Outlook: 20% (much faster than average)

Lawyers

advise and represent individuals, businesses, and government agencies on legal issues and disputes

2018 Median Pay: \$120,910

Loan Officers

evaluate, authorize, or recommend approval of loan applications for people and businesses.

2018 Median Pay: \$63,040

Ten-Year Job Outlook: 8% (faster than average)

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics,
Occupational Outlook Handbook
www.bls.gov/ooh/

\$1 TRILLION+

is contributed to the US market economy by the agriculture industry¹



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2nd most employable field¹ **100th** anniversary in 2014 **30** average class size



¹2019 USA TODAY article based on U.S. Census Bureau Survey
²2019 Ag and Food Sectors and the Economy, EUSDA

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITES

Agricultural Economics is an applied department, requiring all incoming students to complete a academic enrichment experience. This exposure to real-world business has given our students a head-start in the workplace and an appreciation for the applied aspects of research. Enrichment experiences may include:

- Internship
- Independent research
- Entrepreneurial activity
- Education abroad experience

SCHOLARSHIPS & FUNDING

Thanks to generous donors, alumni and community partners, the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment has one of the largest scholarship programs at the University. Undergraduates majoring in AEC are also eligible to receive up to \$2,000 to pursue career-enhancing opportunities like education abroad, independent research expenses or travel to a professional conference through the AEC Undergraduate Opportunity Fund.

ORGANIZATIONS & CLUBS

AgriBusiness Club

Explore agribusiness and interact with industry professionals to improve understanding of business in agriculture

Academic Quiz Bowl Team

Test your agribusiness knowledge jeopardy style, as you travel and compete nationally

GRADUATE SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

Of the 104 undergraduate degrees offered by the University of Kentucky, Agricultural Economics is one of just 34 majors currently eligible for the University Scholars Program. This opportunity enables students to integrate bachelor's and master's degrees into one continuous program, typically allowing students to complete all requirements in less time than a typical two-program sequence. Additionally, the Agricultural Economics program offers:

- Master of Science in Agricultural Economics
- Doctor of Philosophy in Agricultural Economics.

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Agricultural Economics student receiving diploma



Members of the Academic Quiz Bowl Team



Education abroad experience to Argentina



Poster presentations at the Ag Econ Symposium



Education abroad experience visiting Germany