

# Agricultural Economics & Agribusiness

# **Highlights**

Scholarships

Job and internship opportunities

Undergraduate research

# Where do you see yourself?

Agricultural adviser

Agricultural processing firm

Attorney

Crop or livestock marketing

Electric energy areas

Farm input supply firm

Farm or ranch management

Insurance agent

International trade

Loan officer

Oil and gas

Public policy

Veterinary or other medical area





The Department of Agricultural Economics offers two majors, agricultural economics and agribusiness, with several options. The core courses for the two majors are the same.

Agricultural economics is the study of the efficient allocation of scarce resources among their competing uses. Agricultural economics is an applied social science showing how firms allocate scarce resources to produce food, fiber and other products, and distribute them over time, place and form.

Agribusiness is the sum total of all operations involved in the manufacture and distribution of agricultural and natural resource input supplies, production operations of the agricultural and natural resource firm (farm, ranch, forestry, fishery, etc.) and the storage, distribution and consumption of food, fiber and other agricultural and natural resource products.

Within these two majors, you have the option to select a predefined emphasis area or work with your faculty adviser to customize your plan of study. These options include:

# **Agribusiness**

Major without an option

Agribusiness/Agricultural Communications Double Major

Crop and Soil Sciences

Farm and Ranch Management

Finance

International

Management

Marketing

Pre-Law

Pre-Vet Business Management

# **Agricultural Economics**

Major without an option

Agricultural Economics/Accounting Double Major

Agricultural Economics Specializations:

Community and Regional Analysis

Natural Resources

**Quantitative Studies** 

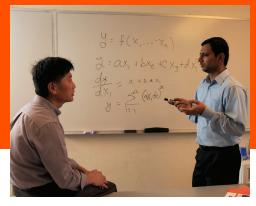


### Scholarship Dollars

The Department of Agricultural Economics annually awards approximately **\$100,000** in scholarships to students in the department. Last year, CASNR awarded an additional **\$460,000** to students within the college.







#### Why Study Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness?

Do you want to own or manage an agricultural or natural resource related firm? Do you want to market agricultural or natural resource related products? Do you want to understand how to analyze the big picture issues related to agricultural, food or natural resource policies; rural or community development; or environmental and natural resource economics? Do you want to be a lawyer, veterinarian or doctor? If you answer yes to any of these questions, than majoring in agricultural economics or agribusiness may be the right fit for you.

#### **Unique Classes and Assignments**

As an agricultural economics or agribusiness major, students receive incredible hands-on education including: job shadowing with a salesman, development of economic models with data collected by class members, interviews with department alumni and real world project experience, including farm real estate appraisal and marketing feasibility of products for a real firm.

Fast Fact: The Department of Agricultural Economics is the home of five Truman Scholars.

The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation supports continued graduate education and professional development of young people committed to public service leadership by selected outstanding individuals from universities across the U.S.

#### **Alumni Spotlight**

#### **Byron Enix**

Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics, 1984 President and Chief Executive Officer of American AgCredit

Byron Enix is a 1984 agricultural economics graduate. He started work with the Farm Credit Service when he graduated and advanced through several positions within the system. In January 2014, he was named President and Chief Executive Officer of American AgCredit, which is the sixth largest Farm Credit cooperative in the nation. He now is located in the Santa Rosa, California, office.

"The mission of American AgCredit is to serve those working in agriculture by providing capital in the form of loans," Enix said. "My role as CEO allows me to lead and support our employees and our business in fulfilling that mission to agriculture. What could be better than going to work each day knowing that you are helping agricultural producers and making a difference in their lives? I love my job."



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