



Agricultural Education

Highlights

- Student organizations
- Undergraduate research
- 40 years combined faculty experience in school-based agricultural education

Career Options

- Agricultural education
- Agricultural literacy coordinator
- Agricultural professor
- Agricultural sales
- Curriculum development
- Extension agent
- Extension specialist
- High school teacher/FFA adviser
- Junior/community college judging coach
- Natural resource education
- Personal trainer for agribusiness
- Production agriculture
- State and federal agencies



Now, more than ever, people of all ages need to understand how agriculture and natural resources impact the quality and abundance of our food supply, personal health, the environment, our economy and national security. Agricultural educators work in formal and informal settings to positively impact the knowledge and perceptions people have about this integral component of our daily lives. Agricultural education is the only degree program providing a clear path to certification of school-based agricultural education teachers. An agricultural education degree, however, prepares graduates for a great variety of careers.

Agricultural education affords the opportunity to teach students skills and competencies needed to be agriculturally literate while facilitating their development of 21st century employability skills. Through implementation of school-based agricultural education, teachers have potential to build human capacity at the local, state and national level.

Within agricultural education, 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:

Options

- AGED/Teaching
- AGED/Agribusiness
- AGED/Natural Resource Ecology & Management
- AGED/Horticulture

Double Majors

- AGED/Animal Agriculture
- Animal Science/AGED
- AGED/Agricultural Communications



Scholarship Dollars

The Department of Agricultural Education, Communications and Leadership annually awards nearly **\$80,000** in scholarships to students in the department. The agricultural education program awards almost **\$25,000** in scholarships through endowed funds targeted specifically for future ag teachers. Last year, CASNR awarded an additional **\$460,000** to students within the college.



Why Study Agricultural Education?

Agricultural education is a nationally recognized program of study designed to provide both a comprehensive study in agriculture and an Oklahoma license to teach agricultural education. This license is also recognized as meeting requirements for initial employment as a teacher in most other states.

Students enroll in courses of science, general education, professional education, international programs, laboratory instruction, agricultural economics, animal science, horticulture, plant and soil science, and rangeland ecology and management. In addition, students complete 60 hours of early field experience as they prepare to become agricultural education teachers. These early experiences include working with youth in a variety of contexts including the Oklahoma Youth Expo, FFA leadership camps and seminars. In addition to youth development experiences, students practice teaching in local agricultural education classrooms through a 12-week off-campus student teaching experience in a selected school district.

Fast Fact: Agricultural Education students are consistently offered teaching positions prior to graduation. In the spring of 2013 and 2014 eight students had teaching positions prior to graduation.

Alumni Spotlight

Jake Walker

*Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education, 2005
Equine Instructor & Assistant Rodeo Coach,
Connors State College*

Jake Walker graduated from OSU with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education in 2005. Upon graduation, he taught school-based agricultural education at Konowa High School for three years and then transitioned to Connors State College. There he teaches introductory agriculture courses and advises students through their first two years of college. He also serves as the Equine Instructor and Assistant Rodeo Coach.

Walker was a member of the Spirit Rider ground crew while completing his bachelor's degree at OSU.

CASNR Fast Facts

>>> Faculty Advising <<<

40+

Student Organizations

\$1.4

Million in
Scholarships
each year

13:1

Student to Faculty Ratio

**45 States
Represented**

4 out of 15

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