



# Department of Agriculture



## A degree in agriculture can lead to a rewarding career in the public sector or private industry.

Today's agriculture offers over 200 rewarding and challenging careers, employing approximately 22 million people.

Agricultural studies prepare students for a variety of careers in categories that include: Agribusiness Management; Agricultural Communications; Animal Nutrition; Animal Physiology; Veterinarian; Aquaculture; Parks, Recreation and Tourism Resources; Horticulture; Fisheries/Wildlife; Forestry and Natural Resource Management and Agricultural Education.

## Is a career in agriculture right for you?

- Do you wonder about the interactions between us and the natural world around us?
- Are you good at hands-on work such as general repairs, drawing, and/or the use of tools and equipment?
- Are you academically strong in the sciences?
- Do you enjoy outdoor activities?
- Do your hobbies include raising animals or gardening?

*If you answered yes to two or more questions, a career in agriculture might be the right choice for you!*

## Why earn a degree in agriculture at Virginia State University?

- Small class sizes and access to state-of-the-art research facilities and a 417-acre working farm enhance the classroom experience.
- Each student receives individualized attention from faculty and researchers who are nationally and internationally known and respected as leaders in their fields.
- A strong emphasis on experiential learning, innovation and entrepreneurship in each program area readies students to be competitive and successful in their professions.
- Graduates in the food, agriculture, renewable natural resources, and environmental sciences can expect strong employment opportunities through 2020 according to USDA ([www.purdue.edu/usda/employment/](http://www.purdue.edu/usda/employment/)).

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Founded in 1882, Virginia State University is one of Virginia's two land-grant institutions and is located 20 minutes south of Richmond in the village of Ettrick. VSU's College of Agriculture consists of three academic departments: Agriculture, Hospitality Management, and Family and Consumer Sciences. Integrated within the College are an Agricultural Research Station; Randolph Farm, a 417-acre research and educational facility; and Virginia Cooperative Extension.

Virginia State University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award baccalaureate, master's and doctoral degrees and a certificate of advanced graduate study. For information regarding the status of the University's accreditation, contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097, telephone 404-679-4501. Web site: [www.sacscoc.org](http://www.sacscoc.org).

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**VSU AGRICULTURE MAJORS CAN CHOOSE AMONG THE FOLLOWING CONCENTRATIONS:**

- Agricultural Business and Economics
- Agricultural Education
- Animal Science, Pre-Veterinary Medicine and Aquatic Science
- Plant, Soil and Environmental Science