Agricultural Education in Kansas

Agricultural Education implements inquiry-based learning in the classroom and career exploration through work study and supervised agricultural experience programs. It develops leadership skills such as public speaking, teamwork, organization and civic service through the intracurricular implementation of FFA.

Students who participate in agricultural education programs graduate with the skills necessary to become productive citizens who will succeed in postsecondary education or the workforce.

Secondary Education

- Over 13,000 students in agriculture, food and natural resource courses
- 223 agriculture teachers
- 185 high school agricultural education programs
- 35 courses offered in 9 pathways
  - Agribusiness Systems
  - Animal Science
  - Biotechnology in Agriculture
  - Comprehensive Agricultural Science
  - Energy Systems
  - Food Products & Processing Systems
  - Natural Resources & Environmental Systems
  - Plant Systems
  - Power, Structural & Technical Systems

Postsecondary

- 25 four-year colleges and technical schools offering postsecondary agriculture courses
- 22 agriculture or related majors at universities across the state
- 90 students enrolled in pre-service Agricultural Education certification programs at 2 institutions; Fort Hays State University and Kansas State University
- Students are taught by 4 pre-service agricultural education instructors

Economic Impact of Agriculture

Agriculture contributes nearly $62.8 billion to the Kansas economy, accounting for roughly 43% of the total.

Kansas is a national leader in sorghum production, wheat production, cattle and meat production.

For total state exports, agriculture ranks #1 in Kansas. Annually, agriculture exports $4.2 billion dollars (41.5% of total exports) of cattle, meat, grains and other farm products around the globe.

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