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
- 16,000 students in agricultural education courses
- 242 agriculture teachers
- 163 high school agricultural education programs
- 3 middle school agricultural education programs

Students enrolled per program on average

For a full list of courses offered please visit:

Postsecondary & Adult
Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association
- 22 part-time, 2 full-time Young Farmer program instructors

Postsecondary Agriculture Programs
- 12 four-year colleges and technical schools offering postsecondary agriculture courses
- 2 institutions that offer pre-service agricultural education certifications.
- 91 students (freshman-seniors) enrolled in pre-service Agricultural Education at Penn State University

Economic Impact of Agriculture

Agriculture is the #1 industry in Pennsylvania.
There are 63,163 farms and 7,809,244 acres in farm land, with the average size farm being 124 acres.
The market value of products sold is $5,808,803,00.
Pennsylvania ranks 1st in mushrooms, 4th in fruits and berries, milk and dairy products and chickens.
Agriculture ranks as the #1 employer in Pennsylvania with a combination of production, stales and service jobs.

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