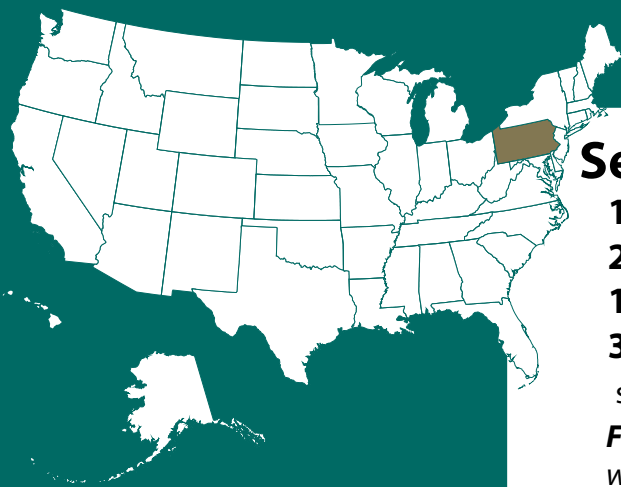


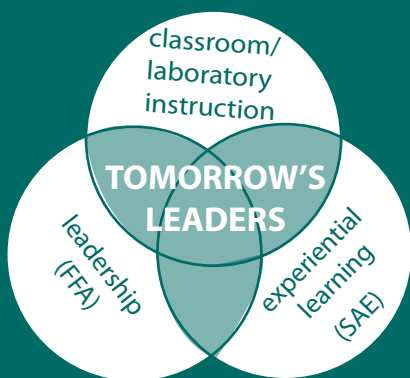
# Agricultural Education

## in Pennsylvania



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.



For more information please visit  
[www.paffa.state.pa.us](http://www.paffa.state.pa.us) or  
[www.naae.org](http://www.naae.org)

## 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:**

[www.education.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/teacher\\_resources/7392/agricultural\\_education/507869](http://www.education.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/teacher_resources/7392/agricultural_education/507869).

## 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, sales and service jobs.