Is your child interested in pursuing a degree in agricultural education? Do you have questions about their future career choice? This informational guide will help answer the questions you may have about ag education.

**AG ED QUICK FACTS**
- Nationwide Average Starting Salary: $39,227
- Average Number of Extended Contract Days: 35
- Number of Ag Teachers in US: 10,874
- Number of Ag Programs in US: 7,424

Currently, there is a national shortage of agriculture teachers. Each year, hundreds of positions go unfilled, so the demand for quality and diverse agriculture teachers is extremely high in many states. Causes for the shortage are teachers retiring, new positions opening, and graduates accepting positions outside of the classroom.

**SUPPLY & DEMAND**
- Approximately 514 new agricultural education graduates looking for teaching positions in 2014*
- 992 open Agricultural Education teaching positions in 2014*
- 253 New positions (program growth & expansion)
- 739 Agriculture teachers left the profession
- 10,874 school-based agriculture teachers nationwide
- 411 Agriculture teacher deficit*
- 96 Positions went unfilled
- 183 Programs filled with alternatively certified teacher
- Approximately 67 programs closed due to low enrollment/budgets

*Based on 2014 national supply and demand
**Based on 2012 data (47 states reporting)

**TEACH AG WEBSITE RESOURCES**
Visit the Teach Ag Parent Resources webpage for information about the following:
- Job Demand Resources
- Supply and Demand Resources
- Educational Requirements
- Certification Requirements
- Financial Aid Tools
- Scholarships
- Parent Testimonials
For additional information and resources, please visit
http://www.naae.org/teachag/parentresources.cfm

"We are pleased that Emily chose ag education as her profession for the simple reason that she has always shown an interest in teaching. When she entered high school, she took an agriculture class, joined FFA, and there was no stopping her. She set her sights on what she wanted to do, and with help from two wonderful ag teachers, she embarked on her journey to become an ag teacher."
- Darren and Karen Reed, parents of Emily Reed (pictured left), agriculture teacher at Holden High School, Missouri