

**The production, processing, marketing, distribution, financing, and development of agricultural commodities and resources including food, fuel, fiber, wood products, natural resources, horticulture, and other plant and animal products/resources.**

Sample Career Specialties / Occupations	<p>Agricultural Sales • Agricultural Communications Specialists • Agricultural-Educators • Food Scientists • Meat Processors-Toxicologists • Biochemists-Nutritionists-Dieticians • Food Brokers-Food Inspectors • Meat Cutters-Meat Graders • Meat Science Researchers • Food Meal Supervisors • Cheese Makers • Microbiologists • Produce Buyers • Bacteriologists • Food &amp; Drug Inspectors • Bioengineers • Biochemists • Food &amp; Fiber Engineers • Food Processors • Storage Supervisors • Fieldman • Quality Control Specialists</p>	<p>Bioinformatics Specialists • Plant Breeders and Geneticists • Biotechnology Lab Technician • Soil &amp; Water Specialists • Crop Farm Managers • Agricultural Educators • Plant Pathologists • Aquaculturalists • Sales Representatives • Botanists • Tree Surgeons • Education &amp; Extension Specialists • Agricultural Journalists • Commodity Marketing Specialists • Grain Operations Superintendents • Custom Hay/Silage Operators • Forest Geneticists • Golf Course Superintendents • Greenhouse Managers • Growers • Farmers • Ranchers</p>	<p>Agricultural Educators • Livestock producers • AI Technicians-Aquaculturalists • Animal Caretakers-Poultry Managers • Equine Managers-Veterinarians • Veterinary Assistants-Feedlot Specialists • Animal Biologists • Embryo Technologists • Livestock Buyers • Feed Sales Representatives • Vivarian Technicians • Wildlife Biologists • Livestock Geneticists • Animal Nutritionists • Dairy Producers • Livestock Inspectors • Feed Sales Specialists • Animal Health Salespersons • Meat Science Researcher • Reproductive Physiologists • Embryo Transfer Technicians • Pet Shop Operators • USDA Inspectors</p>	<p>Machine Operators • Electronics Systems Technicians • Agricultural Engineers • Agricultural Extension Engineering Specialists • Heavy Equipment Maintenance Technicians • Recycling Technicians • Waste Water Treatment Plant Operators • Equipment/Parts Managers • Welders • Machinists • Communication Technicians • Agricultural Applications Software Developers/Programmers • Database Administrators • Computer Service Technical Support Technicians • Information Lab Specialists • GPS Technicians • Remote Sensing Specialist • Agricultural Educator</p>	<p>Cartographers • Wildlife Managers • Range Technicians • Ecologists Park Mangers • Environmental Interpreters • Fish and Game Officers Loggers • Forest Technicians • Log Graders • Pulp and Paper Manager Soil Geology Technician • Geologists • Mining Engineers Fisheries Technicians • Water Monitoring Technician • Hydrologists • Fish Hatchery Manager Commercial Fishermen • Fishing Vessel Operators • Vessel Crew • Agricultural Educator</p>	<p>Pollution Prevention and Control Managers • Pollution Prevention and Control Technicians • Environmental Sampling and Analysis Scientists/Technicians • Health and Safety Sanitarians • Environmental Compliance Assurance Managers • Hazardous Materials Handlers • Hazardous Materials Technicians / Managers • Water Environment Managers • Water Quality Managers • Waste Water Managers • Toxicologists • Solid Waste Disposers / Recyclers • Solid Waste Technician • Solid Waste Managers • Solid Waste Specialists • Agricultural Educator</p>	<p>Salesperson • Sales Manager • Banker/Loan Officer • Field Representative for Bank, Insurance Company or Government Program • Farm Investment Manager • Agricultural Commodity Broker • Agricultural Economist • Farmer /Rancher/Feedlot Operator • Farm Manager • Livestock Rancher / Breeder • Dairy Herd Supervisor (DHIA) • Agricultural Products Buyer • Animal Health Products Distributor • Livestock Seller • Feed and Supply Store Manager • Produce Commission Agent • Ag Lenders • Agricultural Chemical Dealer • Field Service Representative • Chemical Sales Representative • Agricultural Educator</p>
Pathways	<p><b>Food Products and Processing Systems</b> (Food Processing and preserving, Packaging, Distribution, Government monitoring &amp; regulation)</p>	<p><b>Plant Systems</b> (Agronomic, Horticulture, Forestry, Turf, Viticulture, Soils, etc.)</p>	<p><b>Animal Systems</b> (Large animals, small animals, wildlife animals, and research animals)</p>	<p><b>Power, Structural &amp; Technical Systems</b> (Power, Structures, Controls, Geospatial Technology, Computer Systems, Electronics, Hydraulics, Pneumatics, etc.)</p>	<p><b>Natural Resources Systems</b> (Habitat Conservation, Forest Products, Parks and Recreation, Mining, Environmental Services, Fisheries, Soil Conservation, etc.)</p>	<p><b>Environmental Service Systems</b> (Pollution Prevention, Water &amp; Air Quality, Hazardous Materials, Solid Waste Management, Health &amp; Safety Sanitation, etc.)</p>	<p><b>Agribusiness Systems</b> (Sales, Service, Farm and Ranch Management, Entrepreneurship, Economics, etc.)</p>
CCTC/Career Ready Practices	<p>The <b>Common Career Technical Core (CCTC)</b> includes a set of standards for each of the 16 Career Clusters™ and their corresponding Career Pathways that define what students should know and be able to do after completing instruction in a program of study. The CCTC also includes an overarching set of <b>Career Ready Practices</b> that apply to all programs of study. The Career Ready Practices include 12 statements that address the knowledge, skills and dispositions that are important to becoming career ready.</p>						