

# What can I do with a major in Dairy Science

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*This information describes typical occupations and employment settings associated with this major. Understand that some of these options may require additional training. Moreover, you are not limited to these options when choosing a possible career path.*

## Description of Dairy Science

The thriving dairy industry in Georgia is an important segment of the agricultural economy. The modern industry requires personnel trained in business, economics, and management as well as the traditional dairy science courses. Courses of a more basic nature may be emphasized by students who desire careers in science-related fields or who wish to pursue graduate or professional study. This major is highly recommended for persons planning to enter a program of study in veterinary medicine.

## Researching Job Titles and Careers

O\*NET <http://online.onetcenter.org> (click on Find Occupations)

Occupational Outlook Handbook <http://www.bls.gov/oco> (type in general term for career of interest)

Georgia Career Information Center <http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu> (accessible only on campus computers)

Career Insider: Vault Guides [http://career.uga.edu/resources/online\\_resources](http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources) (Under the "Resources" tab and select "Online Resources")

Candid Career [http://career.uga.edu/resources/online\\_resources](http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources) (View professionals speaking about their careers under the "Resources" tab and select "Online Resources")

## Possible Job Titles

AI Technician or Representative	Dairy Farm Manager/Owner	Pharmaceutical Representative
Area Territory Representative	Dairy Specialist	Producer
Animal Nutrition Consulting	DHI Tester	Research Leaders or Technicians
Agriculture Policy	Equipment or feed sales	Sales and Marketing Representative
Business Intelligence Analyst	Extension Agents	Secondary Science Teacher*
Broiler Supervisor	Herd Manager or Supervisor	Vocational Agriculture Teach
County Agent	Herdsman	
Dairy Extension Specialist	Master Technologist	

## Possible Employers

Allen Farms	Fort Dodge	Merial, Ltd.
Breed Associations	Georgia Beef Board	Monsanto
Dairy Farm Operation	Georgia Department of Agriculture	Plumb Creek Timber Company
Dairy Promotions	Harrison Poultry	Processing Plants
Davis Manufacturing	Jarrett Dairy	Purina Mills
Dixie Dairy & Consulting	Land O'Lakes	Southern States
Feed Manufacturers	Marketing agencies	Williams Dairy

*To learn what types of positions and companies UGA students are working with, see the UGA Career Center Post Graduation Survey at [www.career.uga.edu/gradsurveyresults/](http://www.career.uga.edu/gradsurveyresults/) and search for alumni on LinkedIn at [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com).*

## Campus Resources

Animal and Dairy Science Clubs and Organizations- <http://www.ads.uga.edu/academics/clubs.html>

Pre-Veterinary Medicine Club- <http://pre-vet.uga.edu>

Block and Bridle

UGA Cattlemen's Association

UGA Horsemen's Association

Dairy Science Club

UGA Livestock Judging Team

UGA Meat Animal Evaluation Judging Team

UGA Horse Judging Team

UGA Dairy Judging Team

College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Clubs and Organizations- <http://students.caes.uga.edu/athens/organizations.cfm>

**Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS)**- <http://www.caes.uga.edu/academics/manrrs/>

**Alpha Gamma Rho (Men pursuing careers in agriculture)**- <http://www.georgiaagr.com/home>

**Sigma Alpha (Women pursuing careers in agriculture)** - <http://www.ugalsigmaalpha.com>

To find additional clubs and organizations, go to the Center for Student Organizations at- <http://stuorgs.uga.edu/find/index.html>  
Connect with your Career Consultant <http://career.uga.edu/contact#careerconsultants>

## Employment Websites

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### GENERAL:

**CareerSearch** [http://career.uga.edu/resources/online\\_resources](http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources) (Research employers by location and/or industry)

**DAWGlink** [www.career.uga.edu/](http://www.career.uga.edu/) (login with your UGA MyID and password)

**GoinGlobal** (To access GoinGlobal, login to your DAWGlink account)

**Idealist** [www.idealista.org/](http://www.idealista.org/) (nonprofit jobs)

**USAJobs** [www.usajobs.gov/](http://www.usajobs.gov/) (federal jobs)

### MAJOR/CAREER SPECIFIC:

**American Dairy Science Association Job Board**- <http://careers.adsa.org/>

**Dairy Farmers of America Job Board**- <http://www.dfarmilk.com/careers>

**AgCareers.com**- <http://agcareers.com>

**BlueSkySearch**- [http://www.blueskysearch.com/](http://www.blueskysearch.com)

**AgriCareers, Inc.**- [http://www.agricareersinc.com/](http://www.agricareersinc.com)

**American Society of Animal Science Job Board**- <http://careers.asas.org/>

## Professional Information Resources

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**American Dairy Science Association**- [http://www.adsa.org/](http://www.adsa.org)

**Dairy Calf & Heifer Association**- [http://www.calfandheifer.org/](http://www.calfandheifer.org)

**American Society of Animal Science**- [http://www.asas.org/](http://www.asas.org)

**National Block and Bridle Association**- [http://www.blockandbridle.org/](http://www.blockandbridle.org)

**Animal Science Database**- <http://www.cabi.org/animalscience/>

**Animal Health Institute**- [http://www.ahi.org/](http://www.ahi.org)

**The American Veterinary Medicine Association**- [http://www.avma.org/](http://www.avma.org)

**US Food and Drug Administration, Center for Veterinary Medicine**- <http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/default.htm>

**Hoards Dairyman**- [http://www.hoards.com/](http://www.hoards.com)

**Society of Dairy Technology**- [http://www.sdt.org/](http://www.sdt.org)

**Agriculture Future of America**- [http://www.agfuture.org/](http://www.agfuture.org)

Tip: Join LinkedIn groups that are related to your career interest. Need help finding groups? Check out the Groups You May Like link under the Interests/Groups tab. Review the groups that professionals in your field of interest have joined and consider joining them as well.

## Additional Career Consultant Recommendations:

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A variety of industries hire Dairy Science graduates. Provided below are a few of the more prominent of those employers:

### Manufacturing and Production

Food manufacturers are large employers of dairy science majors. Opportunities exist in a number of departments and specialties, including quality control/assurance, food processing, sanitation, packaging and inventory control. Your degree may qualify you for entry-level managerial jobs such as team leader, and with additional education and experience, some dairy science majors can become plant managers.

### Sales and Marketing

Dairy manufacturers hire dairy scientists to sell and market their products to grocers and other food suppliers. There are also opportunities available to manage these accounts, as well as conduct and oversee market research projects. Along with food manufacturers, other industries such as breeders, animal nutritionists and feeders may also hire dairy scientists to work in areas of sales and marketing.

### Research and Development

Dairy science majors often find employment in the field of research and development. They may research and test new products, develop recipes, collect data and work to improve on existing product lines, as well as tackle other problems such as food textures, processing and preservation.

### Farm Management

Many dairy science graduates aspire to own and manage farms. In this capacity they are responsible for overseeing all aspects of the dairy farm including herding, nutrition management, feeding, operation and milking. General business knowledge in accounting, sales, marketing and facilities management is also needed for this job.

\*Taken from "Dairy Science Careers": <http://work.chron.com/dairy-science-careers-14574.html>