

**What can I do with a major in
“Food Science”?**
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This information describes typical occupations and employment settings associated with this major. Understand some of these options may require additional training. Moreover, you are not limited to these options when choosing a possible career path.

Description of Food Science

The value of the food processing industry is about a hundred billion dollars in the United States alone, a value that is approximately four times larger than the next largest manufacturing industry. There is a constant demand for college graduates, both men and women, with training in food science and technology. This demand is created by the high percentage of foods marketed in processed form rather than as fresh or raw products. Improvements and new developments are the lifeblood of the American competitive system. Consequently, the food and related industries, such as the packaging industry, employ many food technologists.

The Department of Food Science and Technology offers both undergraduate and graduate instruction designed to give basic and technical training in preparation for work in such industries as meat and poultry processing, canning, freezing, pickling, preserving, and the preparation and preservation of specialty food products.

Research Careers

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

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)

Alberta Occupational Profiles <http://www.alis.gov.ab.ca/occinfo/frameset.asp> (click on Occupational Title Search)

***Please visit the Career Center Library or your Career Consultant if you need additional information or assistance.**

Possible Job Titles of Food Science Graduates

(*As reported by UGA Career Center post-graduate survey)

Account Representative	Food Specialist	Research & Development Manager*
Applications Research and Technical Services Manager*	Food Technologist*	Research & Development Specialist*
Associate Research Scientist*	Lab Technician	Research Chef
Brand Development	Marketing Assistant	Research Chemist*
Consumer Safety Officer*	Microbiologist	Research Coordinator*
County Extension Agent*	Packaging Applications Specialist	Research Scientist*
Environmental Health Specialist	Packaging Scientist*	Sales Representative
Field Person	Product Development Manager	Sensory Specialist
Food Inspector*	Quality Assurance Coordinator*	Teacher*
Food Safety Coordinator*	Quality Assurance Manager*	Technical Director
	Quality Control Specialist	Technical Services Manager

Possible Employers of Food Science Graduates

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Biltmore Estates*	Godiva Chocolatier*	Pilgrim's Pride
Bravo Foods*	Golden State Foods	Publix Dairy Manufacturing*
Cadbury Schweppes*	H.C. Brill Company	Purdue Chicken*
Campbell Soup Company*	Kentucky Fried Chicken*	Schwan Food Company*
Carolina Turkeys*	Kraft Foods, Inc.*	Seaboard Farms, Inc.*
Chick-fil-A	Maxwell Chase Technologies*	Southern Tea Company*
Constellation Brands*	McCormick & Co.*	Starbucks
Continental Grain Company*	McKee Foods Corporation	The Coca-Cola Company*
Cryovac*	Naturally Fresh	The Dannon Company*
Fieldale Farms Corporation*	Nestle*	The Wrigley Company*
Flowers Baking Company*	Newly Weds Foods*	U.S. Department of Agriculture*
Givaudan Flavors Corp.	Pepsi*	

Career Center Library Resources

Agricultural Research: Solving Problems for the Growing World by U.S. Department of Agriculture

World Chamber of Commerce Directory

Job Seeker's Guide: Ten Steps to a Federal Job by Troutman, Kathryn Kraemer

Directory of American Firms Operating in Foreign Countries, Volumes 1 & 2 by Uniworld Business Publications, Inc.

Campus Resources

College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences- <http://www.caes.uga.edu>

Food Science Club

<http://www.uga.edu/dawgfood/>

CAES Clubs & Organizations: <http://www.caes.uga.edu/academics/organizations.html>

Pre-Veterinary Medicine Club

Sigma Alpha Sorority

Dairy Science Club

Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related

Poultry Science Club

Sciences (MANRRS)

Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity

Employment Websites

UGA DAWGlink (career.uga.edu) - <https://uga-csm.symplicity.com/students/index.php>

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

Making the Difference (Federal Jobs & Internships) - <http://www.makingthedifference.org>

Careers in Food - <http://www.careersinfood.com/>

Additional Resources

The Institute of Food Technologists - <http://www.ift.org/cms/>

Community of Food Engineers - http://www.ift.org/divisions/food_eng/

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - <http://www.cdc.gov/>

United States Department of Agriculture - <http://www.usda.gov/>

US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) / Food - <http://www.fda.gov/Food/default.htm>

International Food Information Council Foundation - <http://www.foodinsight.org/>

Food Network - <http://www.foodnetwork.com/>

Agriculture Future of America - <http://www.agfuture.org/>