

## What can I do with a major in “Poultry Science”?

### The University of Georgia Career Center

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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 Poultry Science

Poultry is Georgia's largest agricultural industry. The agribusiness complex related to poultry in Georgia is a multi-million dollar industry and is the largest employer in the agricultural sector. Students who major in poultry science have excellent opportunities for employment and career advancement. They receive a minimum of 36 hours of poultry science dealing with production, management, breeding, nutrition, anatomy and physiology, processing, and diseases. To complete their program of study, poultry science students may elect additional courses in either agribusiness or science. Fundamental education in agricultural business, marketing, finance, and management prepares students for entering the dynamic poultry industry in a wide variety of positions. In-depth courses in biological and agricultural sciences prepare students who aspire to careers in teaching, research, and development for entering graduate or professional schools.

#### 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 Poultry Science Graduates

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

Assistant Hatchery Manager\*

Biotechnology Teacher

Breeder Service Representative\*

Breeding Supervisor

Broiler Manager

Broiler-Breeder Supervisor\*

County Agent\*

Fillet Dept. Supervisor

Flock Supervisor

Hatcher Supervisor\*

Poultry Specialist\*

Production Manager

Quality Assurance Management Trainee\*

Quality Control\*

Service Person

Turkey Grower

#### Possible Employers of Poultry Science Graduates

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

Aviagen\*

British United Turkeys of America\*

Cal-Maine Foods, Inc.\*

Cobb-Vantress\*

ConAgra Poultry, Inc.\*

Continental Grain Company\*

Extension

Family Poultry Farms, Inc.\*

Genetics

Gold Kist, Inc.\*

Merritt Veterinary Supplies\*

Nutrition

Physiology

Processing

Research and development

Teaching

Toxicology

Tyson Foods\*

USDA\*

#### Career Center Library Resources

*2004 Regional Life Science Employment Directory* by Peak Publishing

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

*Careers in Focus: Agriculture* by Ferguson

*Metro Atlanta BioScience Industry and Georgia Company Directory* by Metro Atlanta BioScience Council

## **Campus Resources**

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

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

Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity  
Sigma Alpha Sorority  
Poultry Science Club  
Pre-Veterinary Medicine Club

UGA Judging Teams  
Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related  
Sciences (MANRRS)

## **Employment Websites**

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

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

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

**U.S. Office of Personnel Management** - <http://www.opm.gov/>

## **Additional Resources**

**The U.S. Poultry & Egg Association** - <http://www.poultryegg.org/>

**Careers in Poultry** - <http://www.poultrycareers.org/>

**American Egg Board** - <http://www.aeb.org/>

**American Poultry Association** - <http://www.amerpoultryassn.com/>

**American Farm Bureau Federation** - <http://www.fb.org/>

**Association of Avian Veterinarians** - <http://www.aav.org/>

**The Coop** - <http://www.the-coop.org/index.html>

**Food Safety (HACCP) information** - <http://www.haccpalliance.org/sub/index.html>

**National Chicken Council** - <http://www.nationalchickencouncil.com/>