

# What can I do with a major in Agricultural Education

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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 Agricultural Education

This program prepares students for teaching positions in secondary school agriculture programs and related professional jobs in agriculture. Students majoring in Agricultural Education develop a broad background in the agricultural sciences and are qualified for certification by the State Department of Education as teachers of agriculture. The Agricultural Education program is a major component of the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communication. In addition to the opportunities for teaching agriculture, graduates of this program are employed in the Cooperative Extension Service and in many other leadership positions in the fields of agriculture and education. Such positions capitalize on the technical and professional skills of these graduates for application in various selling, promotional, administrative, research, and educational leadership projects.

## 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

4-H Program Specialist	Employment Interviewer	Property Manager
Agricultural Advisor	Extension 4-H Camp Director	Quality Control Inspector
Agricultural Extension	Extension Agent	Recruiter
Agriculture Teacher	Extension Work Instructors	Research and Research Analysis
Alumni Relations Coordinator	Field Personnel	Sales Representative
Branch Manager	Forest Technician	Science Teacher
DNR Ranger	Geography Information System	Soil Conservationist
Education Resource Coordinator	Technician	Teacher
Educational Researcher	Grant Writer	Young Farmer Advisor
Employee Trainer	Management Consultant	

## Possible Employers

Barrow County Schools	Federal Government Agencies	Primerica Financial Services
Camps	Financial Institutions	Public Relation Firms
Catoosa County Board of Education	GA Dept of Ed, Ag Ed Programs	Rabun Country Board of Education
Colleges and universities	Georgia Forestry Commission	Research institutions
Columbia Country School System	Innovative Crop Technologies	State of Georgia Extension Service
Community Centers	Insurance Companies	The University of Georgia
Consulting Firms	International Mission Board	Thomaston-Upson County School System
Dawson County Schools	K-12 schools	Ultimate Holdings
Department of Education	Manufacturing Companies	United States Dept of Agriculture
Educational Publishers	Newton County School System	
Events Management Firms	Non-Profit Agencies	
Extension services	Oconee County Schools	

*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 Linked In at [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com).*

## Campus Resources

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**Agricultural Communicators and Leaders of Tomorrow-** <http://students.caes.uga.edu/athens/organizations.cfm>

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

**Collegiate 4-H-** <http://georgia4h.org/collegiate/>

**Collegiate FFA-** <http://students.caes.uga.edu/athens/organizations.cfm>

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

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

**Alpha Tau Alpha, Alpha Psi Chapter: National Honorary Agricultural Education society-**<http://www.ataonline.org/>

**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.idealist.org/](http://www.idealist.org/) (nonprofit jobs)

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

### MAJOR/CAREER SPECIFIC:

**TeachGeorgia-** <http://www.teachgeorgia.org/home.aspx>

**U.S. Department of Education-** <http://www.ed.gov/>

**Georgia Department of Education-** <http://www.doe.k12.ga.us/>

**The American Association for Employment in Education-** <http://www.aaee.org>

**Southeastern Association for Employment in Education-** <http://www.sasea.net/>

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

**Jobs in Extension, Outreach, Research and Higher Education-** <http://jobs.joe.org>

## Professional Information Resources

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**National Association of Agricultural Educators-** <http://www.naae.org/>

**Georgia's State FFA Association-** <http://www.georgiaffa.org/>

**Georgia's Agricultural Education-** <http://www.gaaged.org/>

**Georgia's Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association-** <http://www.gvata.org>

**The FFA National Organization-** <http://www.ffa.org>

**Agriculture Online-** <http://www.agriculture.com/>

**Agriculture Future of America-** <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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### How to Pursue Additional Careers in Education:

Seeking jobs outside of teaching and/or education?

Additional career opportunities with an Education degree are out there! First, you need to consider a few things:

1. What are your interests?
2. What skills and abilities have you been using in your current job?
3. Who is in your network?

### What are Your Interests?:

Several Interest inventories exist that can help you clearly assess your interests. The Career Center offers the *Strong Interest Inventory*, *TypeFocus*, and *Focus 2*, which can be used for this purpose. For additional information on these assessments, go to [http://career.uga.edu/majors\\_careers/assessments](http://career.uga.edu/majors_careers/assessments).

In addition, the O-Net (<http://www.onetonline.org/>) can be used to informally assess interests and match interests with careers.

### **What are Your Skills and Abilities?:**

In your previous or current jobs or experiences, you have utilized and/or mastered skills that you've enjoyed. Consider your involvement in a campus or community organization. Did you enjoy using interpersonal skills, public speaking, organizational skills, or event planning? Using the list below of typical skills used in education, **highlight those that apply to you.**

- Instructing/Training
- Learning Strategies
- Speaking
- Active Listening
- Adaptable/Flexible
- Use of technology
- Critical Thinking
- Judgment and Decision Making
- Reading Comprehension
- Social Perceptiveness
- Time Management
- Organizing, Planning, and Prioritizing Work
- Getting Information/Research
- Communicating with Supervisors, Peers, or Subordinates
- Coaching and Developing Others
- Establishing and Maintaining Interpersonal Relationships
- Updating and Using Relevant Knowledge
- Documenting/Recording Information
- Thinking Creatively
- Identifying Objects, Actions, and Events
- Communication skills
- Collaboration
- Patience

### **Who is in YOUR Network?:**

Do you know family or friends who are in a career that you find interesting or exciting? Set up an informal informational interview with him or her and find out about the ins and outs of the job. Is it possible for you to shadow him or her for a day/week? Remember, it's impossible for someone to help you if you're not asking for help.

### **What are other UGA Education Graduates doing?**

**Get inspired!** Seek out other UGA Education graduates who have made a career move.

[LinkedIn](#) is a great way to explore additional careers. Join the **University of Georgia Alumni Association Group** on LinkedIn to connect with members.

#### **Additional Careers:**

- Education Administration
- Instructional Coordinator
- Sales Executive
- Marketing Manager
- Academic Advisor
- Corporate Trainer
- Education Policy Advisor
- Distance Education & Instructional Designer
- eLearning Developer
- Education/Outreach Coordinator
- Event Planner
- Educational Research Associate
- Camp Director