

# NATIONAL TEACH AG CAMPAIGN

## PARENT RESOURCES GUIDE

Is your child interested in pursuing a degree in agricultural education? Do you have questions about their future career choice? This informational guide will help answer the questions you may have about ag education.

### AG ED QUICK FACTS

- Nationwide Average Starting Salary: \$39,227
- Average Number of Extended Contract Days: 35
- Number of Ag Teachers in US: 10,874
- Number of Ag Programs in US: 7,424

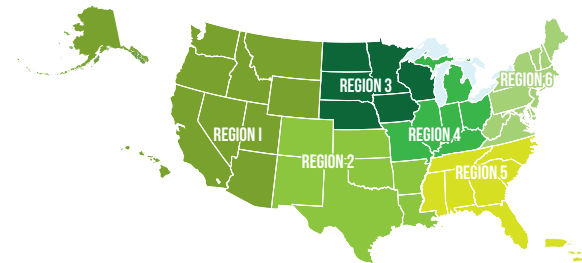
EVERY YEAR, MORE THAN 400  
ADDITIONAL AGRICULTURE  
TEACHERS ARE NEEDED TO FILL  
OPEN POSITIONS.



### SUPPLY & DEMAND

Currently, there is a national shortage of agriculture teachers. Each year, hundreds of positions go unfilled, so the demand for quality and diverse agriculture teachers is extremely high in many states. Causes for the shortage are teachers retiring, new positions opening, and graduates accepting positions outside of the classroom.

#### 2014 AGRICULTURE TEACHER SUPPLY & DEMAND OVERVIEW BY NAAE REGION



### TEACH AG WEBSITE RESOURCES

Visit the Teach Ag Parent Resources webpage for information about the following:

- Job Demand Resources
- Supply and Demand Resources
- Educational Requirements
- Certification Requirements
- Financial Aid Tools
- Scholarships
- Parent Testimonials

	REGION 1	REGION 2	REGION 3	REGION 4	REGION 5	REGION 6	NATIONWIDE
AVERAGE SALARY**	\$37,353	\$39,000	\$36,000	\$39,455	\$36,004	\$47,549	\$39,227
AVERAGE EXT. CONTRACT DAYS**	22	50	22	39	60	20	35.5
AVERAGE YEARS EXPERIENCE**	13	16	11	13	15	15	14
AG TEACHERS**	1,446	3,172	1,122	1,992	2,246	896	10,874
AG PROGRAMS**	874	1,965	892	1,432	1,615	556	7,424
NEW POSITIONS**	76	25	23	51	63	15	253
NEW PROGRAMS**	16	23	30	32	49.5	12	162.5
AG TEACHERS RETIRED**	25	54	20	57	37	11	204
TEACHER LOSS**	76	268	59	184	128	24	739
ALT. CERTIFIED HIRES**	13	26	18	51	73	2	183
UNFILLED FULL-TIME POSITIONS**	35	16	12	11	7	5	86
UNFILLED PART-TIME POSITIONS**	6	0	2	1	0	1	10
CURRENT AG EDU. MAJORS**	372	899	268	330	514	192	2,575
2014 AG EDU. GRADUATES**	90	295	81	99	128	53	746
GRADUATES TEACHING AG EDU.**	78	189	51	75	88	33	514

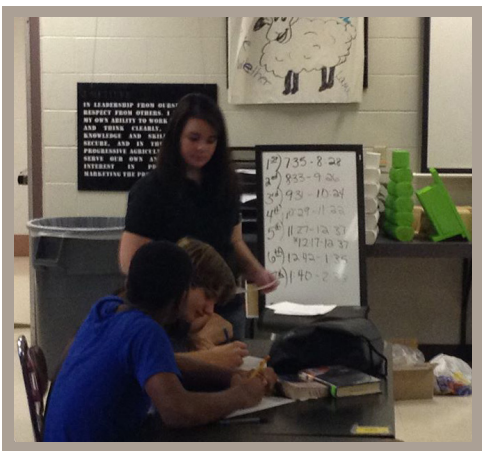


## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- Need-Based Loans
  - Federal Perkins Loans
  - Federal Direct Subsidized Loans
- Non-Need-Based Loans
  - Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans
  - Federal Direct PLUS Loans
- State Loans

## GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- National Association of Agricultural Educators Upper Division Scholarship
  - Eligibility
    - NAAE Student Member
    - Agricultural Education major
    - Apply the year prior to student-teaching
- National FFA Organization
  - Approximately \$2 million in scholarship money available to FFA members and non-FFA members who are pursuing an agriculture-related degree
  - Applications due annually in February
- Additional resources may be available through:
  - CHS Foundation
  - Agricultural Education department at college
  - State Agricultural Educators' Association
  - State commodity groups



“We are pleased that Emily chose ag education as her profession for the simple reason that she has always shown an interest in teaching. When she entered high school, she took an agriculture class, joined FFA, and there was no stopping her. She set her sights on what she wanted to do, and with help from two wonderful ag teachers, she embarked on her journey to become an ag teacher.”

- Darren and Karen Reed, parents of Emily Reed (pictured left), agriculture teacher at Holden High School, Missouri

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND RESOURCES, PLEASE VISIT

[HTTP://WWW.NAAE.ORG/TEACHAG/PARENTRESOURCES.CFM](http://www.naae.org/teachag/parentresources.cfm)



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