

“Food and resource issues are increasingly in the news. There has never been a better time to study agricultural economics.”

Sean Fox | Professor | Agricultural Economics

FINDING YOUR WAY

Welcome to the family

We are excited that you are interested in joining the Department of Agricultural Economics. We are confident that the journey to your degree will be rewarding. Our faculty and staff are excited to help you along your college career as you become a part of our family.

Scholarships | The Department of Agricultural Economics awards more than \$200,000 in scholarships each year. Academic performance, department involvement and financial need are factors we consider when selecting award recipients.

Faculty | Our energetic faculty advisors work one-on-one with students during their collegiate journey. They will help you design your degree to get exactly what you want and to help you avoid detours along the way.

A major for you

As a student, you can choose from many options to customize your major. The Department of Agricultural Economics offers several ways to achieve your goals:

BACHELORS OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

- Specialty
- Farm Management
- Pre-Veterinary
- Pre-Law
- Natural Resources
- Quantitative

BACHELORS OF SCIENCE IN AGRIBUSINESS

- Agribusiness
- International
- Food Industry

GETTING INVOLVED

Organizations and leadership

With more than 450 student organizations and 20 club sports at K-State, there is never a dull moment on campus. The Department is home to the AgEcon/Agribusiness Club and the nationally-recognized NAMA team.

The AgEcon/Agribusiness Club provides students with opportunities to develop professional and social skills through national competitions, trips and meetings.

The National Agri-Marketing Association (NAMA) team is involved in fundraising, mentoring programs and competitions. In addition, the group hosts industry speakers. We're especially proud of the success the NAMA team has had at national championships.



2015 NAMA Team Practice

DEVELOPING YOUR FUTURE

Internships

Internships provide you with practical and professional experiences while earning university credit. Internships not only allow you to discover your field of interest, but also clarify your specific career goals. On average, our students earn \$15/hour during their internships. Upon graduation, 80% of our students receive job offers from their internships.



“My internships allowed me to build professional skills in group work, public speaking and problem solving. I grew professionally and personally, noticing huge changes in my ability to work with others and in my maturity level. Building lasting relationships with coworkers also made this a great experience.”

Taylor Peterson | Agricultural Economics | Salina, Kan. | Intern at John Deere, Moline, Ill. & Olathe, Kan.

A career for you

It is not just a job, it is a career. The experiences you will gain in the Department of Agricultural Economics will prepare you for this next chapter in your life—not only by giving you the tools necessary to start this new chapter, but also by helping you find where you want to go. Each student will have the Department's faculty guidance and internship opportunities available to them. K-State also has an excellent Career and Employment Service team to help our students with everything from resume building, interview preparation and job hunting.

Our students graduate with the skills and experiences that employers want. With an average starting salary of \$44,000, they start their new careers on a solid footing in many fields including:

FINANCE, INSURANCE AND ACCOUNTING

Loan Officer, Credit Administrator
Insurance Processor, American AgCredit

PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT

Feedlot Manager, Farmer, Rancher
Production Supervisor, Cargill

MARKETING

Sales, Brand Manager
Marketing Analyst, Koch Industries

COMMODITY

Commodities Trader, Futures Broker
Grain Merchandiser, Bartlett and Company

HUMAN RESOURCES

Human Resources Manager, Irsik & Doll

MANAGEMENT

Operations Manager, Research Analyst
Elevator Manager, ADM

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Legislative Aid, USDA Extension
Fieldman, USDA Farm Service Agency

NATURAL RESOURCES

BUSINESS CONSULTING
Crop Consultant, Crop Quest

VETERINARY MEDICINE

AGRICULTURAL LAW

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Ever-climbing enrollment

During the last 10 years, our student enrollment has climbed by **100%**.
40% of our students are transfer students.

Student Technology Requirements

Operating System:
Mac: OS 10.10 or newer
PC: Windows 7 Professional, Ultimate, or Home Premium or newer

Processor (CPU):
Intel i5, or AMD A6

Memory (RAM):
4 gigabytes or more

Software:
K-State's antivirus software available free at antivirus.ksu.edu. No need to purchase Microsoft Office. You can install 365 ProPlus for Windows, or Mac by logging onto your K-State webmail and clicking on Office 365 in the top left corner

Find yourself in another country: Study abroad

There is no doubt that the industry impacts of agribusiness and agricultural economics are global. A study abroad opportunity is an important component of your education. The chance to experience first-hand different cultures, languages and industries is a life-changing experience. Study abroad can last two weeks or up to a year. We will work with you to fit an international experience into your degree. Our faculty regularly take groups of students overseas.

Read blogs from our students at ageconstudyabroad.wordpress.com

Brazil 2012

Ireland 2013

South Africa 2013

China 2014

Scotland and England 2014

Scotland and England 2015

Ireland 2015



What our students are saying...



“I chose K-State for many reasons. The first reason is that I am a third generation K-State student, so I have bled purple my whole life. The second reason is that I knew I could get an incredible agricultural education while being able to stay in my home state. Lastly, I knew I would get an undergraduate experience that compares to none. I chose to study agricultural economics because of the diverse opportunities I could pursue with my degree. I have many different interests within agriculture and studying agricultural economics will prepare me for the industry I want to be a part of. My degree in agricultural economics is preparing me to be a key contributor to agriculture. I have built great connections with alumni, faculty and my peers that will give me the ability and confidence as a successful agriculturalist.”

Garrett Kays | Agricultural Economics | Weir, Kan.



“Agriculture has always been a part of my life. The Department of Agricultural Economics has enabled me to gain a better understanding of the business aspect of the agriculture industry. The Department’s curriculum is designed to fit each student’s interests by offering a specialty option, which allows students to engage in another area of interest. Students, faculty and staff have challenged me to be the best that I can be, preparing me for the next step in my career path. One of my favorite organizations is the College of Agriculture Ambassadors. When I visited Kansas State University as a high school student, the ag ambassadors made me feel as if I was already part of the Wildcat family; I knew that someday I wanted to be able to have that same positive influence on other prospective students.”

Leah Kimzey | Agricultural Economics | Fredonia, Kan.



“I chose K-State because of the family atmosphere I felt when I was visiting as a high school student. The College of Agriculture showed a passion for their students and made me feel special, with this and the sincere advising I received from the Department of Agriculture Economics I chose K-State as my home. Now that I am here I have been blessed with many opportunities to get involved in clubs and organizations that have led me to meeting some of my closest friends. The Department of Agriculture Economics has allowed me to see agriculture in many lights. I have traveled to Ireland, visited with industry leaders, worked hand-in-hand with faculty, and gained internships through my experiences here. I am fortunate to have chosen K-State as my home and I wouldn’t change it for the world.”

Shannon Maxwell | Agricultural Economics | Holton, Kan.



“I chose K-State because I had seen the campus numerous times and loved the campus atmosphere and the strength in agriculture. I’m involved in many campus organizations, I’ll be an executive board officer in four out of my five organizations I’m involved in. Taking on work, classes, and officer obligations definitely gets me ready for the fast-paced environment of the real world. I am traveling to China to study abroad. With a class during the semester before the travel, I have learned new things about China such as their culture and politics. I am looking forward to this experience in China as I expect it to help me find my inner-self and what my values really are.”

Cody O'Brien | Agribusiness and Leadership Studies | Cherryvale, Kan.

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