

# Agricultural Education Careers Discussion Guide

Teachers: These discussion questions may be used at any point in exploring Agricultural Education with your students. If your students do not have significant prior knowledge of this career area, it may be best to use this guide after viewing some of the other links on our [Agricultural Education career area page](#). At the bottom of this guide, there are “Suggested activities” to try with your class.

## Discussion questions

1. If you have taken the Student Interest Survey on our site, do your results align with the Agricultural Education pathway? Look at the Student Interest Survey and see what interests and skills are listed as being related to Agricultural Education. Why do you think those interests and skills would be useful for a career in Agricultural Education?
2. In the introduction to this pathway, several careers were referenced in connection to Agricultural Education. They include *high school agriscience teacher, ag literacy coordinator, Agricultural Education professor, farm business management instructor, 2-year technical college agriculture instructor, adult Agricultural Education instructor* and *young farmer instructor*. Which of these careers do you think best fits your skills and interests? Which of these careers might you like to learn more about?
3. If you are interested in a career in Agricultural Education, what school clubs could you get involved with to help you learn more and gain experiences to help you prepare for that career?
4. What other ways can you brainstorm to involve yourself in Agricultural Education before you graduate or during your post-high school training?

## Suggested activities

- Have the students be the teacher for the day. Put them in charge of the class for 10 minutes; they must create and present a meaningful lesson on a topic of their choice with instructor preapproval. **(Lesson plan.)**
- Have students research the educational pathway, duties, salary, job outlook, etc. for an ag teacher or other agricultural education professional. **(Lesson plan.)**
- If you have a student or students who are interested in teaching agriculture, line up a job shadowing experience with a teacher at a nearby program. **(Activity guide.)**
- Have interested students spend the day with a student who is majoring in agricultural education. **(Activity guide.)**
- Give each student a slip of paper with a career related to agriculture on it. Have them research and share with the rest of the class how agricultural education plays a role in the success of that career. **(Lesson plan.)**
- Have students create a 3–5 minute video about the rewards of being an ag teacher. **(Lesson plan.)**