

# AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

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## About the College

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The College of Agricultural Sciences (CAS) was the first college established at Penn State and awarded the nation's first baccalaureate degrees in agriculture in 1861. Students can earn degrees related to animal and plant sciences; ecosystems and the environment; food and fuel; human and veterinary health and medicine; business, government, and nonprofits; teaching and extension; engineering; and more. The CAS is home to nine academic units with sixteen in residence and/or online graduate programs and participates in seven Intercollege Graduate Degree Programs (IGDP) and nine Dual-Title degree programs. The CAS has over 265 faculty with research appointments, over 520 enrolled graduate students and an average annual research expenditure of over \$115 million. Graduate students have received numerous fellowships and awards from both federal and state agencies and other private foundations. More than one-third of masters' degree recipients go into government or public-sector jobs, another third work in industry or private sector positions, and the remainder continue their graduate education. More than half of doctoral degree recipients go into academia, one-third enter industry or the private sector, and the remainder work in government or public-sector positions.

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## Mission and Goals

The mission of Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences is to discover, integrate, translate, and disseminate knowledge to enhance the food and agricultural system, natural resources and environmental stewardship, and economic and social well-being, thereby improving the lives of people in Pennsylvania, the nation, and the world.

The College will fulfill this mission by:

- Enhancing student success and optimizing enrollment
- Empowering the engines of discovery and application
- Creating dynamic, customer/stakeholder-focused educational products, services, and impacts
- Being a trusted source of information and provide collaborative solutions that balance agricultural productivity and sustainability
- Strengthening leadership, innovation, participation, and recognition within the College

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