

AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

About the College

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The College of Agricultural Sciences was the first college established at Penn State and awarded the nation's first baccalaureate degrees in agriculture in 1861. The college offers 17 undergraduate majors, more than 20 minors, plus several two-year and certificate programs across an array of disciplines. Students can study the environment, natural resources, and sustainability; plants and the green industry; business, community, and education; food and health; and animal and veterinary sciences. Approximately 3,000 undergraduate students across the commonwealth call Ag Sciences home and most are from non-agricultural backgrounds. Each year, the college invests \$131 million into research and graduate study and over \$3 million into student scholarships. Penn State Extension, which fulfills the University's responsibility as Pennsylvania's designated land-grant institution, is administered through the college. Extension disseminates University expertise and resources to address the social, educational, and physical needs of citizens in each of the state's 67 counties.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE COLLEGE (<https://agsci.psu.edu/>)

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. Our goal is to assert leadership and foster innovation through organizational improvement and change. By strategic investment of resources, we aim to address the changing needs of the Commonwealth.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE MISSION AND GOALS OF THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES (<https://agsci.psu.edu/about/strategic>)