

Career Profile for Agribusiness

General Program Description: The Associate in Applied Science (AAS) in Agribusiness prepares students for a career as technicians, supervisors, managers, or owners of farm, ranch, and dairy operations. Graduates may also work in the food production, manufacture and distribution industries as well as in governmental agencies at local, state and federal levels. The two-year AAS degree transfers directly to the Bachelor of Science degree in Agribusiness at ASU East as well as the Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Technologies at the University of Arizona in Tucson. The optional **Certificates of Completion (CCL) in Pest Management, Animal Science Aide, and Animal Science Specialist** provide a stepping path to the AAS degree.

Advancement options: Advancement in this occupation usually means higher wages. However, skilled agricultural workers may also advance to supervising other workers or to working with more complex products.

Projected Job Growth: Employment of Agriculture Technicians is projected to grow about as fast as the average, although employment change will vary by specialty. Job opportunities are expected to be best for graduates of applied science technology programs who are well trained on equipment used in laboratories or production facilities.

Location	Pay Period	Bureau of Labor Statistics - 2006 Salaries*		
		Entry-level	Median	Experienced
United States	Hourly	\$10.02	\$15.26	\$23.69
	Yearly	\$20,800	\$31,700	\$49,300
Greater Phoenix	Hourly	\$8.99	\$13.87	\$21.25
	Yearly	\$18,700	\$28,800	\$44,200
Arizona	Hourly	\$13.79	\$25.58	\$33.93
	Yearly	\$28,600	\$53,200	\$70,600

For more career information for Agribusiness, visit:
www.bls.gov/oco, www.maricopa.edu/workforce,
<http://www.acinet.org/>, or
www.mc.maricopa.edu/students/career/

For MCC program information, contact
Maureen Zimmerman, 480-461-7328,
Department Chair, or visit
<http://www.mc.maricopa.edu/dept2/agribusiness/>

*Labor market information provided by AZ Dept of Economic Security in cooperation with the U.S. Dept of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Wages will vary depending on the employer, location, hours worked, experience, responsibility and other factors. Career and Re-Entry Services will collaborate with academic and occupational program departments to develop internship and career experience opportunities.

Sample Job Titles: Agricultural Technician, Farmer

Types of Employers:

Educational services, Food processing companies, and Agriculture

Local Employers who posted related jobs on the Maricopa Career

Network: Bureau of Land Management, USDA Forest Service, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

Professional Associations:

Future Farmers of America
<http://www.ffa.org>

**For current job openings, go to
 Maricopa Career Network**
<http://mcmaricopa.jobing.com/>

Agribusiness Council

<http://www.agribusinesscouncil.org/>

Agribusiness Overview At-A-Glance

- Some work with food crops
- Some work with livestock animals
- Usually work outdoors
- May operate large equipment (i.e. tractors or milking machines)
- Often work long hours during harvest time
- May not work in the winter

www.azcis.intocareers.org

For additional information on Agribusiness careers or to watch occupational videos, visit:

Arizona Career Information Systems (AzCIS)

www.azcis.intocareers.org

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Career Voyages

www.careervoyages.gov

Internships are supervised practical training in a short-term or temporary position with an emphasis placed on instruction, training, mentoring, networking and gaining applied work experience. These positions may be paid or unpaid. Contact Career and Re-Entry Services for internship information: 480-461-7430.

Internship Completed: _____ Dates: _____ Location: _____

Service-Learning is a teaching and learning method that connects meaningful community service with academic learning through guided reflection. Contact the Center for Service-Learning for more information: 480-461-7393.

Service-Learning Completed: _____ Dates: _____ Location: _____

Transfer Options: Contact Transfer Services for more transfer information: 480-461-7452.

Career Assessments Completed:

Career Assessment / Results	Date Completed	Reviewed by

Career Readiness Workshops / Activities Completed:

Workshop Name / Activity	Date Completed	Follow Up Contact (s)
Resume Writing Workshop		
Resume completed and reviewed by:		
Participate in Mock Interview		
How To Prepare for a Career Fair		
Attend Career Fair / Job Expo Location:		
Joined Professional Association:		

MCC Career and Re-Entry Services
Providing Guidance for Career and Workplace Success

For more Career Profiles, visit

<http://www.mc.maricopa.edu/students/career/careerprofiles.html>

Meet with a Career Advisor in Bldg #36, Room SS5N - adjacent to the Kirk Student Center, 480-461-7430

