What is Agricultural Education?
Agricultural educators have the opportunity to teach others the skills and competencies needed to be agriculturally literate while also developing leadership abilities in their students. Agricultural educators combine classroom and laboratory instruction, leadership development and experiential learning to offer their students a well-rounded education that will prepare them for college and the workforce, as well as teach them how to be educated consumers. Through the implementation of school-based agricultural education, teachers have the potential to build human capacity at the local, state and national level.

Agricultural education is the only degree program providing a clear path to certification of school-based agricultural education teachers. However, an agricultural education degree prepares graduates for a variety of careers.

Why Study Agricultural Education?
Now, more than ever, people of all ages need to understand how agriculture and natural resources impact the quality and abundance of our food supply, personal health, the environment, our economy and national security.

Students complete 60 hours of early field experience as they prepare to become agricultural education teachers. In addition to youth development experiences, students practice teaching in agricultural education classrooms through a 15-week off-campus student teaching experience.

Finish in 4
For each undergraduate degree program in CASNR, we have prepared example plans of how you may successfully complete your degree plan in four years.

Where Do You See Yourself?
- Agricultural education
- Agricultural literacy coordinator
- Agricultural professor
- Agricultural sales
- Curriculum development
- Extension educator
- High school teacher/FFA advisor
- Junior/community college judging coach
- Natural resource education
- Production agriculture
- State and federal agencies

Cody Dean
Agra, Oklahoma

“I want to make a difference. I love watching others succeed and I knew that becoming an agricultural educator could help me accomplish my goals.”
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Real-World Experience

Students in the department are required to complete an internship or student teaching experience prior to graduation. The opportunity to work at a business or organization in their field of study or to teach in a high school classroom as part of their undergraduate experience prepares students and develops them into well-rounded agricultural professionals.

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