

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, 23 minors, three two-year programs and two certificate programs. 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. Over 3,000 undergraduate students across the commonwealth call the college home. 80 percent are from non-agricultural backgrounds. Each year, the college invests \$97 million into research and graduate study and \$2.5 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. Penn State 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 (<http://agsci.psu.edu/about/>)

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 (<http://agsci.psu.edu/about/strategic/2014-2019/psu-agsci-strategic-plan-2014-19.pdf>)