

Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Career Cluster



The Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources (AFNR) career cluster focuses on the essential elements of life, food, water, land, and air. This career cluster includes occupations ranging from farmer, rancher, and veterinarian to geologist, land conservationist, and florist.

Statewide Program of Study: Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems

The Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems program of study focuses on occupational and educational opportunities associated with applying engineering technology and biological science to agricultural problems related to power and machinery, electrification, structures, soil and water use, and processing agricultural products. This program of study includes diagnosing, repairing, or overhauling farm machinery and vehicles, such as tractors, harvesters, dairy equipment, and irrigation systems.

Secondary Courses for High School Credit

- Level 1**
 - Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources
- Level 2**
 - Agricultural Mechanics and Metal Technologies
- Level 3**
 - Agricultural Structures Design and Fabrication
- Level 4**
 - Agricultural Equipment Design and Fabrication
 - Agricultural Equipment Design and Fabrication + Agricultural Laboratory and Field Experience
 - Practicum in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources
 - Practicum in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources + Extended Practicum in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources
 - Career Preparation for Programs of Study
 - Career Preparation for Programs of Study + Extended Career Preparation
 - Scientific Research and Design



Example Postsecondary Opportunities

Apprenticeships

- Farm Equipment Mechanic I

Associate Degrees

- Diesel Mechanics Technology
- Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology

Bachelor's Degrees

- Agricultural Engineering
- Agricultural Systems Management

Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Agricultural Engineering
- Industrial Technology

Additional Stackable IBCs/License

- Diesel Equipment Technology-Off Highway Specialization CER1
- Accredited Farm Manager



Aligned Advanced Academic Courses

Dual Credit Dual credit offerings will vary by local education agency.

Students should be advised to consider these course opportunities to enrich their preparation. AP or IB courses not listed under the Secondary Courses for High School Credit section of this framework document do not count towards concentrator/completer status for this program of study.

Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

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| Work-Based Learning Activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in a farm mechanic apprenticeship at an equipment production company • Intern at an equipment manufacturing facility working with agricultural engineers |
| Expanded Learning Opportunities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in an FFA career, leadership, and speaking contest like an agriscience fair • Participate in an agriculture robotics event |

Aligned Industry-Based Certifications

- Agriculture Mechanics
- API 1104 Welding Pipelines and Related Facilities
- AWS Certified Welder
- AWS D1.1 Structural Steel
- AWS D9.1 Sheet Metal Welding
- AWS SENSE Level I: Entry Welder
- Feedyard Technician in Machinery Operation, Repair and Maintenance
- Machining Measurement, Material, and Safety Level I
- NCCER Core
- NCCER Welding Level I
- Welding - Job Ready
- Industrial Technology Maintenance (ITM) - Basic Pneumatic Systems
- Industrial Technology Maintenance (ITM) - Maintenance Welding



Example Aligned Occupations

Farm Equipment Mechanics and Service Technicians

Median Wage: \$46,582
Annual Openings: 326
10-Year Growth: 23%

Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics

Median Wage: \$57,943
Annual Openings: 2,637
10-Year Growth: 31%

Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers

Median Wage: \$65,490
Annual Openings: 28,020
10-Year Growth: 4%

Data Source: TexasWages, Texas Workforce Commission. Retrieved 3/8/2024.




For more information visit:
<https://tea.texas.gov/academics/college-career-and-military-prep/career-and-technical-education/programs-of-study-additional-resources>



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Course Information

	Course	Prerequisites Corequisites	Career Clusters
Level 1	Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources* 13000200 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	4005 
Level 2	Agricultural Mechanics and Metal Technologies 13002200 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: Principles of AFNR Recommended Corequisites: None	4933  
Level 3	Agricultural Structures Design and Fabrication 13002300 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: Agricultural Mechanics and Metal Technologies Recommended Corequisites: None	5009 

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* Indicates course is included in more than one program of study.

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Level 4

Course	Prerequisites Corequisites	Career Clusters
Agricultural Equipment Design and Fabrication 13002350 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: Agricultural Mechanics and Metal Technologies Recommended Corequisites: None	5060 
Agricultural Equipment Design and Fabrication + Agricultural Laboratory and Field Experience 13002360 (2 credits)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: Agricultural Mechanics and Metal Technologies Recommended Corequisites: None	5027 
Practicum in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources* First Time Taken: 13002500 (2 credits) Second Time Taken: 13002510 (2 credits)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: A minimum of one credit from the courses in the AFNR career cluster Recommended Corequisites: None	3795 1 st time 5041 2 nd time 
Career Preparation for Programs of Study* First Time Taken: 12701121 (2 credits)	Prerequisites: At least one Level 2 or higher CTE course Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	4800              
Career Preparation for Programs of Study + Extended Career Preparation* First Time Taken: 12701141 (3 credits)	Prerequisites: At least one Level 2 or higher CTE course Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	4801              
Scientific Research and Design* 13037200 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: Biology, Chemistry, Integrated Physics and Chemistry (IPC), or Physics Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	4970      

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