Entry-level Salary Information for Recent Graduates in Agriculture and Related Disciplines 2023-2024

Major Area	Avg. Salary	Low Salary	High Salary	#
Agricultural Economics & Business	\$60,814	\$30,000	\$100,000	370
Agricultural Education,	\$52,180	\$18,000	\$112,500	192
Communication & Studies				
Agronomy & Crop Sciences	\$54,166	\$30,000	\$80,000	96
Animal & Dairy Sciences	\$47,781	\$13,000	\$82,500	305
Biological Sciences	\$44,126	\$12,000	\$90,000	104
Environmental Sciences, Fisheries,	\$46,569	\$12,000	\$82,000	283
Forestry & Wildlife Biology				
Food Science, Human Nutrition &	\$56,951	\$18,750	\$89,500	116
Dietetics				
Horticulture	\$46,758	\$24,000	\$70,000	64
Technical & Biosystems Engineering,	\$68,382	\$18,000	\$100,000	281
Industrial Technology, & Packaging				
Services				

Each year, participating agricultural colleges across the nation provide data to summarize entry-level salaries of recent graduates of their programs. The information is useful to help illustrate industry trends and provide appropriate baselines for both students and employers. The summary, which is coordinated by Iowa State University, includes information collected by career services offices from December 2023 and May 2024 undergraduates. After the data are tabulated, the summary is finalized in August of each year and disseminated to contributing schools for appropriate use. This year, the participating universities were:

Auburn University – College of Agriculture

Clemson University - College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences

Iowa State University - College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Kansas State University - College of Agriculture

Michigan State University - College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

North Carolina State University - College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Oklahoma State University - Ferguson College of Agriculture

Purdue University – College of Agriculture

South Dakota State University - College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences

Texas A&M University – College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

The Ohio State University – College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

University of Florida – College of Agricultural and Life Sciences

University of Illinois - College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences

University of Maryland – College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

University of Minnesota - College of Food, Agricultural, and Natural Resource Sciences

University of Missouri - College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

University of Nebraska-Lincoln - College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources

University of Wisconsin - College of Agricultural and Life Sciences