

KANSAS FARM BUREAU'S AG LEARNING ZONE

YOUTH ACTIVITY: ILLUSTRATE YOUR DREAM AG CAREER

OBJECTIVE: YOUTH WILL UNDERSTAND THE MANY CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN AGRICULTURE.

Vocabulary Words

- Agriculture – the science of farming.
- Career – an occupation undertaken for a significant period of a person's life.
- Transportation – the movement of humans, animals or goods from one place to another.

Lesson

Ask youth to share jobs people involved in **agriculture** might have. Allow time for brief discussion.

- Lead youth through the "What is That?" ag career flash cards.
- Stress that jobs in agriculture will only become more important as we continue to develop solutions to feed more than nine billion people by 2050.
- There are a wide variety of agricultural **career** choices! Some may have you using advanced equipment, creating new hybrid seeds, raising animals, managing people or designing new products and packaging.
- Classes you take in school can have a big impact on the career path you choose to follow.

Fun Facts About Careers in Agriculture

- Agriculture is the nation's largest industry, employing approximately 23 million people in over 250 career areas. Less than one percent of the population claims farming as their job.
- Agricultural jobs can be split into these areas: plant sciences, animal sciences, agricultural mechanics, agricultural business, environmental services, food science and natural resources.
- Favorable soil and weather, and the availability of good **transportation** help make Kansas one of the top agricultural states in the nation.
- More than 246,877 people, or 13 percent of the entire workforce in Kansas, are employed in jobs related to agriculture.

Assessments

- True or False? You must live on a farm to work in agriculture. False! There are many careers in agriculture that do not require you to live on a farm, or even in the country.
- True or False? You can learn more about ag careers in school by taking classes and joining organizations like FFA and 4-H.
- True or False? A career in agriculture may be the right choice for you!

Hands-on Activity

- Pass out career color pages and crayons. Allow time for them to color their masterpiece.

Suggested Resources

- "What is That?" ag career flash cards
- Career color pages
- Soy crayons



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