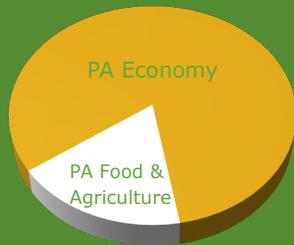


## STATS & PROJECTIONS: PA Food and Agriculture

Food and Agriculture accounts for **18%** of Pennsylvania's economic output.

*(TeamPA, 2018)*



From 2017 to 2027, there are expected to be over **75,000 job openings** in the food and agriculture industry.

*(Pennsylvania Dept. of Agriculture, 2017)*

In 2018, nearly **580,000** Pennsylvanians were employed in the food and agriculture industry. *(TeamPA, 2018)*



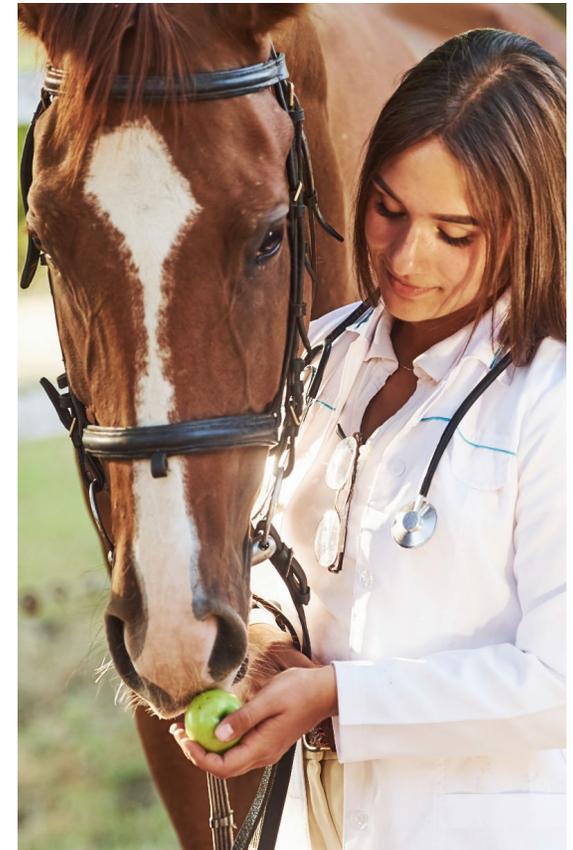
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This project is part of the Workforce Development Committee's Grow PA Agriculture initiative. Grow PA Agriculture was started in 2014 as an industry collaboration of agribusinesses and organizations to support the growth of Pennsylvania's agricultural industry. Focus areas include: workforce development, regulatory reform, economic development and strategic planning.



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# Why Choose Careers in Food & Agriculture?





### WHY CHOOSE A CAREER IN FOOD AND AGRICULTURE?

People will always need to eat. The constant demand for food and agricultural products is perhaps the best reason to consider a career in the food and agriculture industry. A growing world population and an aging workforce is opening the door for an influx of talented, young people to advance food and agriculture. An increase in job opportunities can be expected in all sectors of the industry for years to come.

### ARE YOU HARDWORKING, MOTIVATED, AND GOOD AT CRITICAL THINKING AND PROBLEM SOLVING?

The world population is projected to increase nearly 25% to 10 billion people by the year 2050. The whole planet will depend on motivated, young people to be the driving force behind the food and agriculture industry in order to ensure food security for future generations.

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### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN FOOD & AGRICULTURE

- Business
- Skilled Trades and Labor
- Medicine/Pharmaceuticals
- Engineering
- Science/Research

### STRAIGHT TO WORKFORCE

If higher education or taking on debt is unappealing, entering the workforce out of high school is a viable option. Although the earning potential is not as high as graduates of college or technical school, going straight to the workforce makes up for that by granting a stream of income immediately and requires no debt.

### TRADE SCHOOL

If a hands-on job sounds interesting, getting a certification or degree from a trade or technical school might be a good fit. These schools offer a learning experience tailored to students looking to learn practical skills for sought-after jobs. Students at trade and technical schools will get into the workforce sooner than those in college, though they may take on some debt.

### COLLEGE

A college education provides the best opportunity for a high earning potential. It also opens the door for career advancement. However, college also may lead to accruing a lot of debt that takes years to pay off.



### BEYOND THE FARM

The food and agriculture industry offers many different career paths. As our world is becoming increasingly technological, agriculture is continuing to evolve. For students looking at college, STEM and business majors have many opportunities in agriculture and related industries. There are also many opportunities for students who are not interested in higher education. Skilled workers, truck drivers, and laborers are in high demand and receive very competitive wages and benefits.

