Would you like to...

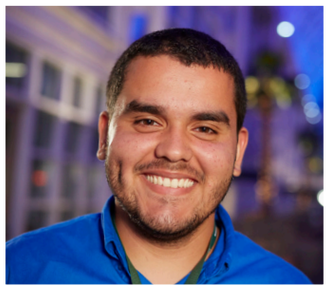
Provide food that is healthy, safe and plentiful?

Help protect the environment and use our land resources more efficiently?

Discover new research to make food and feed more nutritious?

Be on the cutting edge of technology?

See the world?



If your answer is YES to any of the above questions, a career in Crop Science may be the right field for you.

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Grow Your Future

What is crop science?

Crop science is the study of growing food, feed and fiber crops. The work involves plants and all the factors that promote their development, such as light, water, temperature, and nutrients, as well as those conditions that inhibit their development including diseases, weeds, and insects.

What type of work does a crop scientist do?

Crop scientists identify, interpret and manage crops for agriculture, urban uses and rangeland in an environmentally responsible way. Crop science graduates can choose from a range of excellent professional opportunities and challenging careers.

Crop scientists work in...

Environmental Quality
Ecology
Biotechnology
Plant Physiology
Turfgrass Science
Pest Management
Genetics
Plant Breeding
Molecular Biology
Seed Science
Nutrition
Plant Diseases
Mathematics & Modeling
International Development

Crop scientists work for...

Seed companies
Life science companies
Fertilizer industries
International agriculture
Commercial farms
Agriculture cooperatives
State and federal agencies
Universities and colleges
Crop management companies
Chemical companies

Career Opportunities

Graduates find employment as laboratory technicians and managers, laboratory and field researchers, government and academic research scientists, educators and extension specialists.

Course of Study

For most positions, you will need at least a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree or its equivalent. This degree will qualify you, for example, for many industrial positions with seed, fertilizer or farm consulting companies or as a county extension agent.

Numerous positions in teaching, research or extension require training beyond the B.S. degree. Students eligible for advanced work usually receive financial assistance in the form of scholarships, fellowships or assistantships. These students specialize in one or more areas of crop science as they work toward a Master of Science (M.S.) or Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree.