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A celebration and a challenge

This month, our department has had two big reasons to celebrate.

First, our state is opening seven new agricultural education programs. It is great news to hear that students in seven additional communities will have access to agricultural education!

Second, we graduated twelve students with agricultural education degrees. Ten graduates are choosing to teach, and each has already been successfully placed in an agricultural education program. Two graduates are using their skills to educate with consumers on behalf of the industry.

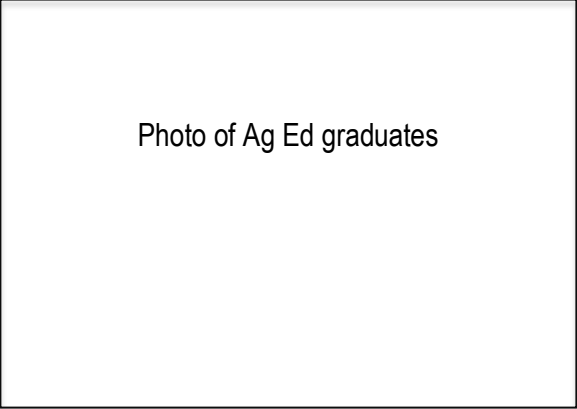


Photo of Ag Ed graduates

After such a great semester, we are already presented with the opportunity to continue to grow agricultural education in Kansas this coming school year. This summer, we are presented with the challenge to find more qualified teachers to fill positions that have yet to be filled. With the shortage of agricultural educators, the same situation will likely arise next year. How can we ensure that we have the teachers we need?

Last week, as I was writing a note to a student who visited the college, I was trying to find the words to both thank him pursuing a degree in agricultural education and encourage him to identify peers who share that interest and talent.

Think about the experience you have had as a student, and the role your agriculture teacher has played. Do you have an interest in playing a similar role in future students' lives? Who else can you think of?

Learn about the major on our website, and give us a call to schedule a campus visit. Additionally, check out the Tagged to Teach Ag website (refer to last week's blog post for more information) to learn more about the need for agricultural educators.

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