

# Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Career Cluster

The Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources (AFNR) Career Cluster focuses on the essential elements of life food, water, land, and air. This career cluster includes a diverse spectrum of occupations, ranging from farmer, rancher, and veterinarian to geologist, land conservationist, and florist. It also includes non-traditional agricultural occupations like wind energy, solar energy, and oil and gas production.

## Applied Agricultural Engineering Statewide Program of Study



The Applied Agricultural Engineering program of study explores the occupations and educational opportunities associated with applying knowledge of engineering technology and biological science to agricultural problems concerned with power and machinery, electrification, structures, soil and water conservation, and processing agricultural products. This program of study may also include exploration into diagnosing, repairing, or overhauling farm machinery and vehicles, such as tractors, harvesters, dairy equipment, and irrigation systems.

### Secondary Courses for High School Credit

#### Level 1

- Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources

#### Level 2

- Agricultural Mechanics and Metal Technologies

#### Level 3

- Agricultural Power Systems

A student will be a completer after the Level 3 class. They will have 3 classes for 4 credits since the Level 3 class is a two-credit class.



### Postsecondary Opportunities

#### Associates Degrees

- Heavy Equipment Maintenance Technology/ Technician
- Agricultural Mechanization, General
- Small Engine Mechanics and Repair Technology/ Technician
- Welding Technology/ Welder

#### Bachelor's Degrees

- Agricultural Engineering
- Agricultural Mechanization, General

#### Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Agricultural Engineering
- Agricultural Mechanization, General

### Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

Exploration Activities	Work-Based Learning Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tour a farm products or machinery plant</li> <li>Participate in Texas FFA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Earn a welding certification</li> <li>Intern at a farm products or machinery plant</li> <li>Participate in an FFA supervised agriculture experience</li> </ul>

### Industry-Based Certifications

- Agriculture Mechanics

### Aligned Occupations

Occupations	Median Wage	Annual Openings	% Growth
Outdoor Power Equipment and Other Small Engine Mechanics	\$32,406	366	16%
Welders	\$41,350	6171	9%
Farm Equipment Mechanics and Service Technicians	\$39,915	304	17%
Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics	\$47,299	1627	16%
Agricultural Engineers	\$64,792	9	13%

Successful completion of the Applied Agricultural Engineering program of study will fulfill requirements of a Business and Industry endorsement or STEM endorsement if the math and science requirements are met. Revised – August 2022

# Applied Agricultural Engineering Course Information

## Level 1

COURSE NAME	SERVICE ID	PREREQUISITES	COREQUISITES
Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources	13000200 (1 credit)	None	None

## Level 2

COURSE NAME	SERVICE ID	PREREQUISITES	COREQUISITES
Agricultural Mechanics and Metal Technologies/Lab	13002200 (1 credit) 13002210 (2 credits)	None	None

## Level 3

COURSE NAME	SERVICE ID	PREREQUISITES	COREQUISITES
Agricultural Structures Design and Fabrications/Lab	13002300 (1 credit) 13002310 (2 credits)	None	None
Agricultural Power Systems/Lab	13002400 (2 credits) 13002410 (3 credits)	None	None
Geographic Information Systems for Agriculture	N1300272 (1 credit)	None	None

## Level 4

COURSE NAME	SERVICE ID	PREREQUISITES	COREQUISITES
Agricultural Equipment Design and Fabrication/Lab	13002350 (1 credit) 13002360 (2 credits)	None	None
Practicum in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources	13002500 (2 credits) 13002505 (3 credits) 13002510 (2 credits) 13002515 (3 credits)	None	None
Project-Based Research	12701500 (1 credit)	None	None
Scientific Research and Design	13037200 (1 credit)	Biology, Chemistry, Integrated Physics, and Chemistry (IPC), or Physics	

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