

Incorporating Agriculture into Academia

Entry Level Career Handout Guidelines

Agriculture offers opportunities for students of all abilities that will:

- Develop good work habits
- Insure a consistent and reliable workforce
- Include repetitive jobs
- Train workers for a specific job or duty
- Provide understanding of safety precautions and practices

The Entry Level Careers handout is designed for students that may not choose any type of higher education after high school. The focus of the handout is on basic skills, personal hygiene and work habits, and a general introduction to three different career areas that students may find employment in. There aren't feature interviews in this handout but rather a general overview of jobs related to three different areas of agriculture.

For special needs teachers, this handout may be used to help students understand that there are jobs available to them in agriculture. Obviously, safety and other considerations will need to be made when matching ability to job requirements.

Agriculture offers a variety of entry level positions that require different skill sets. As you work with the student handouts, you will be able to see what types of jobs may fit your student's abilities, interests and capabilities.

Some jobs offer a consistent routine in the workday that offers a repetitive schedule, routine and consistency. Some jobs related to plant care, green house work, food service, and animal care may fall into this category. Training and supervision of employees to develop good work habits, general observation skills, and a comfort level with the job will facilitate good workers.

There are some entry level positions that work with machinery and tools. The ability to make quick decisions, and to react to situations when machinery breaks down or malfunctions, needs to be considered when matching a student to a career. There are training and certifications that are required for certain jobs. Safety training and following procedures is essential for the well being of all employees.

Working with animals can be very rewarding and challenging. The need to observe changes in health, eating habits, and general appearance of the animals is critical to the welfare and production ability of the animal. Safety training and following procedures is essential for the well being of all employees and animals.