

GRADUATE SUMMARY

MAY 2024 GRADUATES

PURDUE AGRICULTURE



544 STUDENTS GRADUATED MAY 2024

91% EMPLOYED OR CONTINUING THEIR EDUCATION

\$54,336 BEGINNING AVERAGE SALARY

- ▶ Purdue University's College of Agriculture awarded bachelor's degrees to 544 graduates in May 2024. Thirteen graduates earned two or more degrees in May 2024.
- ▶ Of the graduates employed, 62% reported that they work in Indiana.
- ▶ Of the graduates continuing their education, 45% reported they are enrolled in Indiana schools.



Table 1. Post-graduation activities of May 2020–2024 graduates, College of Agriculture, Purdue University

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
May Graduates					
Number of Graduates	537	533	510	477	544
Percent Reporting Activities	93%	90%	93%	95%	95%
Post-graduation Activities					
Employed	76%	67%	63%	68%	69%
Employed: Internships	1%	0%	2%	3%	2%
Continuing Education	19%	28%	28%	22%	20%
Not Seeking Employment	1%	1%	1%	2%	3%
Seeking Employment	2%	4%	6%	4%	5%
Seeking Further Education	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%



Table 2. Graduates remaining in Indiana, May 2020–2024 graduates, College of Agriculture, Purdue University*

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Graduates Working in Indiana	56%	55%	56%	61%	62%
Graduates Continuing Education in Indiana	33%	38%	45%	46%	45%

Table 3. May 2024 graduates' reported average beginning salary, College of Agriculture, Purdue University

Average Salary by Department	
Agricultural and Biological Engineering	\$71,058
Agricultural Economics	\$58,566
Agricultural Sciences Education and Communication	\$48,201
Agronomy	\$47,338
Animal Sciences	\$44,404
Biochemistry	\$46,235
Botany and Plant Pathology	**
Entomology	**
Food Science	\$63,993
Forestry and Natural Resources	\$38,323
Horticulture and Landscape Architecture	\$52,771
Natural Resources and Environmental Science	\$52,536
Total Average Salary	\$54,336**

Data provided by Purdue University College of Agriculture May 2024 graduates, Purdue University College of Agriculture Departmental Career Services Coordinators, and the College of Agriculture Office of Academic Programs Career Services Assistant Director. The Purdue University Center for Career Opportunities provided the postgraduate survey.

*Percentages based on graduates reporting location data.

**Departments with five or fewer graduates reporting a salary were not included to protect the confidential information of these graduates. The average salary for all programs includes the salaries from all departments.

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