

# GRADUATE SUMMARY

## MAY 2020 GRADUATES



**537** STUDENTS GRADUATED MAY 2020

**96%** EMPLOYED OR CONTINUING THEIR EDUCATION

**\$48,337** BEGINNING AVERAGE SALARY

- ▶ Purdue University's College of Agriculture awarded bachelor's degrees to 537 students in May 2020. Eighteen students earned two degrees.
- ▶ Ninety-six percent of reporting graduates stated they were employed or continuing their education as of January 2021.
- ▶ Of those employed, 177 graduates work in Indiana.
- ▶ Of the 93 students continuing their education, 29 are enrolled in Indiana schools.



Table 1. Post-graduation activities of May 2016–2020 graduates, College of Agriculture, Purdue University

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>May Graduates</b>					
Number of Graduates	487	502	545	530	537
Percent Reporting Activities	99%	98%	98%	98%	93%
<b>Post-graduation Activities</b>					
Employed	73%	72%	69%	76%	76%
Employed: Internships	2%	1%	1%	.5%	1%
Continuing Education	20%	24%	27%	20%	19%
Not Seeking Employment	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Seeking Employment	3%	1%	2%	2%	2%
Seeking Further Education	1%	1%	0%	.5%	1%



Table 2. Educational program enrollment of May 2016–2020 graduates, College of Agriculture, Purdue University

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Number in Graduate Schools	11.8%	12%	17%	13%	12%
Professional Schools	8%	11%	9%	6%	5%
Undergraduate Programs	.2%	1%	1%	1%	2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>19%</b>

Table 3. May 2020 graduates' reported average beginning salary, College of Agriculture, Purdue University

Agricultural and Biological Engineering (ABE)	\$61,789
Agricultural Systems Management (ABE)	\$61,357
Agricultural Economics (AGEC)	\$48,938
Agricultural Sciences, Education and Communication (ASEC)	\$47,681
Agronomy (AGRY)	\$46,625
Animal Sciences (ANSC)	\$41,203
Biochemistry (BCHM)	\$46,773
Botany and Plant Pathology (BTNY)	*
Entomology (ENTM)	*
Food Science (FS)	\$53,695
Forestry and Natural Resources (FNR)	\$32,082
Horticulture and Landscape Architecture (HLA)	\$52,630
Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences (NRES)	\$38,990
<b>All Programs</b>	<b>\$48,337</b>

Data provided by Purdue University College of Agriculture May 2020 graduates, Purdue University College of Agriculture Departmental Career Services Coordinators, and the College of Agriculture Office of Academic Programs Career Services Coordinator. The Purdue University Center for Career Opportunities provided the postgraduate survey.

\*Departments with five or fewer students reporting a salary were not included to protect the confidential information of these students.

The average salary for all programs includes the salaries from all departments.

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