



Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Business



The Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Business department's mission is to enhance the well-being of the citizens of New Mexico, the nation and the world through excellence in teaching, research and Extension. Our programs prepare students to help agricultural producers, agribusiness managers, and government agencies meet the challenges of feeding the world in the 21st century while maintaining our natural resources.

Degrees in Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Business

The Department of Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Business has two undergraduate majors and two minors where students gain knowledge and skills needed to be successful in increasingly competitive agricultural markets. Students can specialize in finance, marketing, or natural resources.

Majors

- Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Business
- Natural Resource Economics and Policy

Minors

- Agricultural Business Management
- Natural Resource Management

Career Opportunities

Students who graduate with a degree from AEAB are prepared to work in a variety of agricultural fields and positions within the private and government sectors. Positions that our students have taken include:

- Loan officer
- Salesperson
- Market analyst
- Purchasing manager
- Statistician
- Farm/ranch manager
- Appraiser
- Commodities broker
- Extension agent
- Market reporter

Why Major in Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Business?

“During the next five years, U.S. college graduates will find good employment opportunities if they have expertise in food, agriculture, renewable natural resources, or the environment. Between 2015 and 2020, we expect to see 57,900 average annual openings for graduates with bachelor's or higher degrees in those areas. According to our projections, **almost half of the opportunities will be in**

management and business. Another 27% will be in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

46%

agribusiness
projected job growth
in the next 5 years

Jobs in sustainable food and biomaterials production will make up 15%, while 12% of the openings will be in education, communication, and governmental services.”

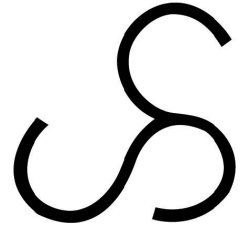
Goecker et al. “Employment Opportunities for College Graduates in Food, Agriculture, Renewable Natural Resources, and the Environment 2015-2020.”



Sam Steel Branding Ceremony

The College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences strives to create a **family** atmosphere for all students, staff and faculty. Five years ago, the College of ACES developed the Sam Steel Brand that unites all students through a shared identity.

Every freshman in the College of ACES receives the Sam Steel paint brand on their shoulder as a “welcome” to the ACES Family. Seniors are also recognized to thank them for their time as Aggies.



Student Clubs

The Department of Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Business is home to two active clubs, **the Agricultural Economics Club (AEC)** and **the National Agri-Marketing Association (NAMA) student club**. Club members have an opportunity to interact with students that have similar interest, attend national conferences where they participate in competitions, and provide community service.



Alumni Spotlight

Bryce Runyan

Bachelor's of Science in Agricultural Economics & Agricultural Business, 2015
2014 Turquoise Circuit Champion
Silver City, New Mexico

Bryce Runyan graduated with a Bachelor's Degree from NMSU in Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Business.

He was a 2015 Dodge Ram Circuit Finals Rodeo Qualifier and former NMSU Rodeo team member! Some of Bryce's other rodeo highlights include being the 2014 Turquoise Circuit Finals Champion, 2014 Prescott PRCA Rodeo Champion, 2013 Grand Canyon Region NIRA Champion Calf Roper, 2008 New Mexico State Champion Calf Roper, and the 2007 New Mexico State Champion Calf Roper.

Bryce is currently working as the Supervisor/ Estimator for Runyan Construction in Silver City.

College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences

P.O. Box 30003, MSC 3AG • Las Cruces, NM 88003-8003 • 575.646.1807
aces.nmsu.edu • admissions.nmsu.edu



The College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences is an engine for economic and community development in New Mexico. ACES academic programs help students discover new knowledge and become leaders in environmental stewardship, food and fiber production, water use and conservation, and improving the health of all New Mexicans. The College's research and extension outreach arms reach every county in the state and provide research-based knowledge and programs to improve the lives of all New Mexicans.