

“I’M MOTIVATED TO TEACH BECAUSE I UNDERSTAND THAT I’M NOT JUST TEACHING AGRICULTURE, BUT TEACHING SKILLS THAT EVERY STUDENT WILL NEED IN THE REAL WORLD.”

–John Heiser, Putnam County

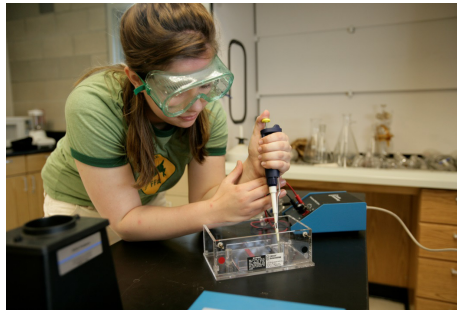
“I LOVE IT WHEN STUDENTS HAVE THAT ‘AHA’ MOMENT -- THEY REALIZE WHY AGRICULTURE IS IMPORTANT, RELEVANT, AND NECESSARY.”

–Cherie Rogier, Mt. Vernon



“WITH ALL OF THE DIFFERENT AREAS OF AGRICULTURE BEING TAUGHT, THERE IS NEVER A DULL MOMENT WITH CLASSROOM, FFA, AND SAE THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE YEAR.”

–Tamra Gerstenecker, Carlyle



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## TO TEACH AG in Illinois



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“THE MOST REWARDING PART OF MY JOB IS KNOWING THAT I AM MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF MY STUDENTS. THE LONGER I TEACH, THE MORE I REALIZE HOW LONG LASTING THE IMPACTS CAN BE.”

–Diana Loschen, Tri-Point

# WHY TEACH AG?

“I would recommend teaching agriculture to anyone who has a passion for agriculture, enjoys working with students, has leadership abilities, and does not want to do the same thing day after day. No two days are the same for an ag teacher!”

-Cherie Rogier, Mt. Vernon



“WHAT A GREAT WAY TO CHANGE THE WORLD. THE OPPORTUNITY TO INSTILL VALUES OF LEADERSHIP, SERVICE, AND CIVIC PRIDE, WHILE HELPING SOCIETY TO UNDERSTAND WHERE FOOD COMES FROM -- HOW AWESOME!”

-Jesse Faber, Pontiac



## ACT NOW:

1 Talk to your ag teacher about what his or her job is like. Ask your teacher about job shadowing opportunities or internships with area schools.

2 Develop an Agricultural Education SAE involving ag education by getting involved with your county Ag Literacy Coordinator. Getting paid or volunteering as an Ag in the classroom assistant is a great way to start your teaching career!

# THE NEED:

In the past two years, six high schools established a new agriculture program. With these new positions, retirements, and advancements to agribusiness and administrative positions, fifty plus teacher vacancies have resulted yearly. Demand has been much higher than our supply of teacher graduates each year.



“THE CAREER SUCCESS THAT MANY FORMER STUDENTS GO ON TO ACHIEVE IS ONE OF THE MOST REWARDING PARTS OF THIS PROFESSION.”

-Kent Weber, Seneca

# THE BENEFITS:

Take students to livestock shows and local fairs, attend the FFA Convention.

Serve as an advocate on Capitol Hill, or for a short session in Africa.

Teach cutting edge topics such as cloning, the latest in food science, and biofuels.

Be involved with your community.

Create hands-on activities.

Travel around the state, nation, and even the world.

Get paid more with an extended contract and FFA stipend.

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