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GROWING THE AGRICULTURAL PIPELINE

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) and the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) joined forces with Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education (FCAE) staff to grow the agricultural pipeline.

Together, they identified many agricultural careers and developed them into career profiles. Each of the agricultural career profiles includes three segments:

- An overview of the career
- A map on preparation for that career
- An app-page with duplicate posters depicting the career.

The profiles are available to the public through links embedded in the following sources:

www.mycaert.com/career-profiles
www.IllinoisWorknet.org

As a result, we have linked the job source with the workforce through a state-of-the-art recruitment campaign.

INDUSTRY HIGHLIGHTS AT A GLANCE

- The agribusiness employs over 163,000
- Contributes $13.5 billion to the state’s economy
- Agriculture is Illinois’ largest industry
- Over 75% of Illinois’ total land area is dedicated to farming
- Overall employment in agribusiness, food and natural resources is expected to grow about as fast as the average for all industries in Illinois
- Those seeking careers in agribusiness need to have a well-rounded educational background in their specific interests (i.e. agronomy, agricultural economics and business, natural resources conservation, horticulture, crop science, and animal science)

*Agriculture industry data was provided by the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES)