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For more information about Agricultural Education in Illinois, please visit: www.agriculturaleducation.org or contact: (217) 893-0091 info@agriculturaleducation.org

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Landscape Designer
plan, prepare, and oversee the development of landscapes through landscaping design and maintenance services.

Sales Representative: Feed and Animal Health
sells and provides service for feed and animal healthcare products produced by their company for the animal industry.

Veterinarian Technician
assists Veterinarians in procedures such as physical exams, dental procedures, spaying and neutering, immunizations, and euthanasia.

Service Technician
performs diagnosis and repairs on engines, transmissions, and various agricultural or lawn and garden equipment.

Welder
connects and fuses steel framework for buildings, machines, and other equipment.

Sales Representative
responsible for an assigned territory and product they must market to agricultural suppliers, dealers, or producers.

Commodity Merchandiser
in charge of customer account management and locating, trading, and purchasing one or more commodities for their company.

Additional careers:
Arborist, Custom Applicator, Entomologist, Golf Course Superintendent, Horticulturist, Landscape Technician, Plant Breeder, Plant Scientist/Agronomist, Research Associate, Seed Production Tech, Soil Scientist, Viticulturist.


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Environmental Engineer
investigate issues within the environment and design solutions in areas such as water, air pollution, and waste management.

Environmental Scientist & Specialist
direct and support land and nutrient management operations to comply with company programs and regulatory requirements.

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Environmental Compliance Officer, Environmental Science and Protection Technician, and Nutrient Management/Waste Management Specialist.