



What Agricultural and Applied Economists Have to Offer

Meet MS and PhD holders at the 2018 AAEA Job Fair, Washington, DC – Sunday, August 5

Applied economists are skilled at using data to answer questions about consumer choices, producer needs, and economic impacts. Our graduates know how to answer what-if's by finding the right data, analyzing it rigorously, and communicating the results lucidly.

Key skills of our MS & PhD economists

- Economic problem formulation
- Survey methods and experimental economics
- Econometric and optimization methods

Example questions with rigorous analyses (with care to account for side effects):

- How are future prices likely to change?
- Which incentive would induce the biggest bang for the buck?
- What economic impacts did our last project achieve?

While agricultural economics is an historic strength, our graduates now apply economics to many fields, including food, the environment, and regional development—both domestic and international.

Who employs our graduates?

- Food and agricultural businesses
- Government agencies
- Non-governmental organizations
- Consulting and data analytics firms

