

# GRADUATE SUMMARY

## MAY 2023 GRADUATES

PURDUE AGRICULTURE



**477** STUDENTS GRADUATED MAY 2023

**93%** EMPLOYED OR CONTINUING THEIR EDUCATION

**\$52,223** BEGINNING AVERAGE SALARY

- ▶ Purdue University's College of Agriculture awarded bachelor's degrees to 477 graduates in May 2023. Eighteen graduates earned two or more degrees in May 2023.
- ▶ Of the graduates employed, 189 reported that they work in Indiana.
- ▶ Of the graduates continuing their education, 45 reported they are enrolled in Indiana schools.



Table 1. Post-graduation activities of May 2019–2023 graduates, College of Agriculture, Purdue University

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>May Graduates</b>					
Number of Graduates	530	537	533	510	477
Percent Reporting Activities	98%	93%	90%	93%	95%
<b>Post-graduation Activities</b>					
Employed	76%	76%	67%	63%	68%
Employed: Internships	.5%	1%	0%	2%	3%
Continuing Education	20%	19%	28%	28%	22%
Not Seeking Employment	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Seeking Employment	2%	2%	4%	6%	4%
Seeking Further Education	.5%	1%	0%	0%	1%

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Table 2. Graduates remaining in Indiana, May 2019-2023 graduates, College of Agriculture, Purdue University\*

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Graduates Working in Indiana	62%	56%	55%	56%	61%
Graduates Continuing Education in Indiana	56%	33%	38%	45%	46%

Table 3. May 2023 graduates' reported average beginning salary, College of Agriculture, Purdue University

Average Salary by Department	
Agricultural and Biological Engineering . . . . .	\$65,845
Agricultural Economics . . . . .	\$58,485
Agricultural Sciences Education and Communication . . . . .	\$51,678
Agronomy . . . . .	\$53,189
Animal Sciences . . . . .	\$40,687
Biochemistry . . . . .	\$59,500
Botany and Plant Pathology . . . . .	**
Entomology . . . . .	**
Food Science . . . . .	\$66,742
Forestry and Natural Resources . . . . .	\$37,374
Horticulture and Landscape Architecture . . . . .	\$54,733
Natural Resources and Environmental Science . . . . .	\$41,720
<b>Total Average Salary . . . . .</b>	<b>\$52,223**</b>

Data provided by Purdue University College of Agriculture May 2023 graduates, Purdue University College of Agriculture Departmental Career Services Coordinators, and the College of Agriculture Office of Academic Programs Career Services Assistant Director. The Purdue University Center for Career Opportunities provided the postgraduate survey.

\*Percentages based on graduates reporting location data.

\*\*Departments with five or fewer graduates reporting a salary were not included to protect the confidential information of these graduates. The average salary for all programs includes the salaries from all departments.

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