

AGRICULTURE

THE CORE OF ILLINOIS

2012 ILLINOIS AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION REPORT

Agriculture is the nation's largest employer, with 17 percent of the workforce (**23 million jobs**) involved in some facet of American agriculture. There are more than 300 rewarding and challenging careers in the Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources industry.

K-6 Grades

- In the 2011-2012 school-year, 63 Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC) coalitions representing 73 counties as well as 29 county programs reached 484,006 students across Illinois with a message about Illinois' largest industry – agriculture.
- Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom County Coalitions generated \$2,411,881 to match the \$75,000 in Agricultural Education line item funds invested in the statewide partnership.

7-12 Grades

- Agricultural Education student enrollment continues to trend upward.
1989-1990: 11,867
1999-2000: 24,301
2011-2012: 28,657
- 79% of agricultural education programs receive academic course credit in math, science, social studies, language arts, or consumer economic, and the courses include curriculum that address the Common Core State Standards.
- Students from 196 High School Agriculture programs participated in Public Speaking Career Development Events.

Postsecondary

- 31% of secondary agriculture programs offer a dual-credit agriculture course where students receive credit at the secondary and postsecondary levels.
- From 2011 to 2012, student enrollment in agriculture degree programs in Illinois grew by more than 100 students at community colleges and by more than 200 students at universities.
- 62% of the agriculture graduating seniors continued with postsecondary education, 74% at community colleges and 26% at universities.



Inspiring Minds to Grow





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Illinois Leadership Council for Agricultural Education (ILCAE)

ILCAE formed in 1984 and continues today as a voluntary, grassroots agriculture industry group which is focused on the improvement and expansion of agricultural education.

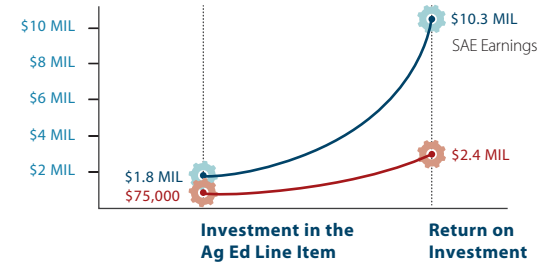
Illinois Committee for Agricultural Education (ICAE)

ICAE is a 13-member committee which was established by legislation in 1986. ICAE members are appointed by the governor to advise both the governor and education agencies regarding agricultural education. ICAE is mandated to develop curriculum and strategies to establish a continuing source of trained and qualified individuals in agriculture.

Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education (FCAE)

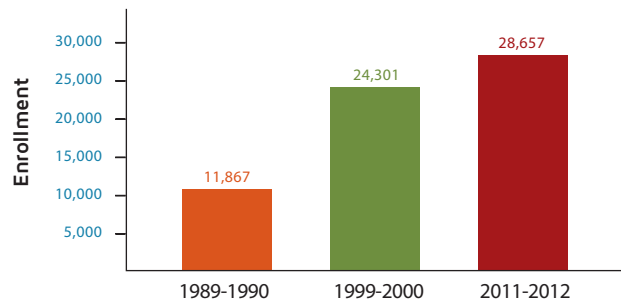
FCAE is a state project administered through the Illinois State Board of Education and consists of a coordinator and 5 regional professional staff charged with improving and expanding agricultural education from preK through adult levels.

RETURN ON INVESTMENT



- \$10,353,154 total net earnings were generated by agricultural education students through Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects.
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GRADES 7-12 AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION ENROLLMENT



AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION LINE ITEM FUNDING

1987	\$48,500	1996	\$1,181,600	2005	\$1,881,200
1988	\$48,500	1997	\$1,299,000	2006	\$2,381,200
1989	\$1,000,000	1998	\$1,429,700	2007	\$2,881,200
1990	\$1,040,000	1999	\$1,500,000	2008	\$2,881,200
1991	\$1,040,000	2000	\$2,000,000	2009	\$3,381,200
1992	\$1,040,000	2001	\$2,000,000	2010	\$3,043,100
1993	\$1,040,000	2002	\$1,950,000	2011	\$1,947,600
1994	\$1,081,600	2003	\$1,881,200	2012	\$1,800,000
1995	\$1,081,600	2004	\$1,881,200		

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