There is a multitude of career choices available to graduates in the animal and poultry industry. The animal industry needs highly motivated and technically qualified animal science graduates who will take advantage of the vast opportunities that are available in the industry. Modern animal agriculture is the business of producing, processing and marketing high-quality protein and products for consumers. Additionally, there is substantial interest in the use of animals to improve our quality of life through companionship, recreation and sport. Animal industries such as feed and equipment manufacturers, animal breeding associations and food distributors employ animal science graduates in various technical, managerial and sales positions. In the Animal and Poultry Science program, students learn about the animal industry and the various career paths that encompass the animal sciences. This program includes courses in animal science, nutrition, selection and breeding, meats, marketing, production and management, in addition to relevant agricultural courses in soils, crops and forages.

The Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources is part of the College of Agriculture and Related Sciences at Delaware State University. The department strives to provide students with a challenging, well-rounded education that focuses on utilizing the latest scientific concepts in agriculture and natural resources. Students have the opportunity to work on campus, complete internships at home or abroad, and participate in an array of student organizations and activities. The department is growing and has recently added a research greenhouse, a herbarium an aquaculture pond facility, and the Agriculture Annex to its’ list of resources. Two research farms are part of our agricultural base: Hickory Hill Farm is a 75-acre livestock and forage farm located west of Cheswold, Delaware, and our 192-acre Outreach and Research Farm in Smyrna, DE.

Our small class sizes allow for greater faculty/student interactions and hands-on learning opportunities. DSU students have the advantage of learning in the capital city where Delaware’s Departments of Agriculture and Natural Resources and Environmental Control are located. State agencies and surrounding businesses (i.e. Kraft, DuPont, Allen’s, Mountaire, Playtex etc.) offer excellent internship and summer employment opportunities. Upon earning bachelor degrees, nearly 20 percent of our agriculture students seek advanced degrees in specialty areas of their choice. Graduates have continued their education at other prestigious universities including: Virginia Tech, Tuskegee University, The University of Georgia, Pennsylvania State University, North Carolina A&T State University, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, and Iowa State University, to name a few.