Our nation’s 9.2 million horses represent nearly $40 billion dollars generated in the horse industry each year. Delaware’s equine industry, with vendors such as Delaware Park and Dover Downs, are seeking an increased need for qualified candidates. Recognizing the industry’s broad career options and the need for equine professionals in a variety of capacities, Delaware State University offers the Equine Business Management major. The degree is designed for the student who wishes to pursue a career in the horse industry other than in the area of training. The Equine Business Management Program combines fundamental equine science courses, and more advanced management topics, with traditional business administration classes. Courses such as Equine Management and Legal Environment of Business address issues impacting equine industry and offer strategies for establishing equine-related enterprises. Practical aspects provide experience in barn and livestock management, reproductive management, disease prevention (Animal Nutrition), and selecting, operating and maintaining farm equipment (Farm Management).

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.