Our Students

Traditionally, 15 to 20 percent of our graduates in agriculture and natural resources fields attend graduate or professional schools to further their education. Students have attended schools including Pennsylvania State University, Virginia Tech, Tuskegee University and North Carolina A&T.

Graduates who enter the workforce find employment in either private or public sectors. Companies such as DuPont, Syngenta and Perdue, and government organizations such as USDA, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, state departments of agriculture or natural resources, and private environmental consulting firms have DSU alums on their employment rosters.

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The Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources is an interdisciplinary department of teaching, research and extension faculty and staff. The department is responsible for an array of courses, research projects, and grants in agriculture and natural resources. Theoretical and applied topics include sustainable practices, freshwater and coastal environmental study, aquaculture, and conservation of agricultural and protected lands. Faculty and students routinely participate in regional, national and international programs. This helps the faculty emphasize hands-on experience, research in real-life issues and service to the community in the tradition of the land grant university.

Equine Business Management

Our nation’s 9.2 million horses represent nearly $40 billion generated in the horse industry each year. Delaware’s equine industry, with venues such as Delaware Park and Dover Downs, is facing an increased need for qualified employees.

Delaware State University offers the Equine Business Management major to fulfill the needs of the equine industry. This degree prepares students for all areas of the horse industry besides 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).

Agriculture Facilities

The Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources is part of the College of Agriculture and Related Sciences at Delaware State University. The department is growing and within the past several years has added a research greenhouse, a herbarium, aquaculture pond facility and scanning electron microscope to its resources. The newly constructed Agriculture Annex houses additional state-of-the-art teaching and research facilities, and includes lecture halls, research labs and faculty office space. Additionally, two research/academic farms, located off campus, are part of the agricultural base. The 75-acre Hickory Hill Farm is used for livestock and forage research, and the 192-acre Outreach & Research Center is used for crop production research and trials.

Educational opportunities abound in the department. Class sizes are small, allowing for greater faculty/student interaction and hands-on learning opportunities. In addition, students often take advantage of the proximity of state agencies to campus including the Delaware Department of Agriculture, the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, and various state agencies and businesses for internships and summer employment.

Your Future In Equine Business Management

DSU’s Equine Business Management graduates are equipped with the necessary science and business management skills to succeed in the equine industry.

Typical job titles include:

- Auction Clerk
- Breed Association Official
- Business Manager
- Equine Program Director
- Humane Society Official
- Office Manager
- Jockey Club Official
- Therapeutic Riding Center Director
- Farm/Ranch Manager
- Turf Club Director