

GYF OCTOBER NEWS

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NYFEA PREVIEW CHARLESTON, SC

December 9-12 2015

Join fellow Young Farmers in Charleston, S.C. for 4 days of educational fun at the Winter Institute. You'll leave knowing a lot more about agriculture in the "Low Country."

TOURS INCLUDE:

- ◆ **Charleston Tea Plantation:** located on Wadmalow Island in the heart of the low country. Learn about the growing, harvesting, and processing of American Classic Tea.
- ◆ **Angel Oak:** Angel Oak is a Southern live oak located in Angel Oak Park on Johns Island near Charleston, South Carolina. Angel Oak is estimated to be in excess of 300-400 years old. It stands 66.5 ft tall, measures 28 ft in circumference, and produces shade that covers 17,200 square feet. Its longest branch distance is 187 ft. in length. The tree stands on land that was part of Abraham Waight's 1717 land grant.
- ◆ **Clemson U. Coastal Research Center:** The Coastal Research and Education Center (CREC), located in an active vegetable production area in South Carolina, has served for many years to enhance the industry's growth. After the demise of the Sea Island cotton industry, vegetable "truck" farming was viewed as an alternative agricultural enterprise for Low Country farms. In 1932, the Agricultural Society of South Carolina purchased a tract of land five miles south of Charleston on U.S. 17. Research began immediately on solving problems affecting the production of beans, corn, melons, and cabbage.
- ◆ **Ellore Gin Co.:** Not the kind you drink!
- ◆ **Carolina Peanut Co & Rast Farms:** Edward "Monty" Rast Of Cameron S.C. named 2012 South Carolina Farmer of the Year. Producer of peanuts, cotton, corn, wheat, strawberries, and blueberries. Carolina Peanut, based in Cameron, is one of his most successful business investments.
- ◆ **Haigler Farms:** Another noteworthy Calhoun Co. S.C. farm



NYFEA invites interested participants to email us at nyfea-main.nyfea.org for more information on the 2015 institute in Charleston, SC. See registration info and deadline on pg 2.

DATES TO NOTE .

Oct 14

GYF Fall field day. See details below. Reservation requested by 10/9.

Oct 28

Registration deadline for Quick Books webinar



Register online at [NYFEA website www.nyfea.org](http://www.nyfea.org)

Click on Institute Brochure

Or mail registration form and fee payable to NYFEA to:

NYFEA P.O. Box 20326, Montgomery, Al. 36120

Early Bird Registration Deadline: October 15, 2015 (Late registration add \$25 to cost)

Name(s): _____ YF State: _____ Area: _____ Chapter: _____
 Address: _____ City, State and Zip: _____
 Email Address: _____ Phone: (____) _____ - _____
 (Registration will be confirmed utilizing email)

NYFEA

NYFEA Attendance to all events: \$295 each # _____ @ \$295 = _____
 Weekend Rate # _____ @ \$195 _____
 (great for SC Young Farmers and others who want to get away for Friday / Saturday only)

NYFEA Daily Rate is \$110 each day Thursday # _____ @ \$110 = _____
 NYFEA Daily Rate is \$110 each day Friday # _____ @ \$110 = _____
 NYFEA Daily Rate is \$110 each day Saturday # _____ @ \$110 = _____

QUICK BOOKS WEBINAR

This webinar series teaches agricultural accounting principles within QuickBooks software. Learn at home with simple, easy to follow learning modules and apply the theories with an example farm operation.

NOV 2,9,16,23,&30
11:00 A.M.-12:00

Online

Identify proper chart of accounts, how to use the class structure, the importance of bills, sales receipts, and invoices, and generating reports through five modules, and participate in five webinar help sessions to answer your specific questions.

Register by 10/28 at:
<https://www.cvent.com/events/using-quickbooks-to-manage-your-farm-business/registration>

Fall Field Day



SmithfieldFarm
October 14
4:30-8:00
Aspers, Pa

BRING A FRIEND!

RESERVATIONS
REQUESTED

Thanks to those members of GYF and FFA who volunteered to help at the Pit Beef Stand!



Where are the Ag Careers?

Even if you don't hire more than part-time help, it's a good idea to take a look at where the careers are in agriculture and what opportunities young people have in our industry.

AgCareers.com is a good resource, and one you might look into - just out of curiosity. AgCareers.com is the leading ag-specific job board for recruitment for both companies posting jobs and people looking for work. They post approximately 5,400 new jobs each month. In 2014, there were 11 million page views on the AgCareers.com site.

Plant Science Systems is the largest Career Cluster in agriculture. Opportunities in this category experienced a 16% increase from the 16,008 positions in 2010 to over 18,500 positions in 2011, before a 12% decrease to 16,593 positions in 2012. There is a broad range in salaries. Positions such as custom applicator earn on average, \$32,000 annually, while a plant breeder typically earns over \$100,000. A field agronomist is in the middle, at \$55,000 according to AgCareers.com's findings.

As a Career Cluster, Agribusiness Systems came in 2nd with 5,791 jobs posted in 2012. Sample positions ranged from retail salesperson to logistics coordinator. Power, Structural and Technical Systems were next. Jobs in that category ranged from service technician to engineer. Salaries went from \$21,000 to \$115,000.

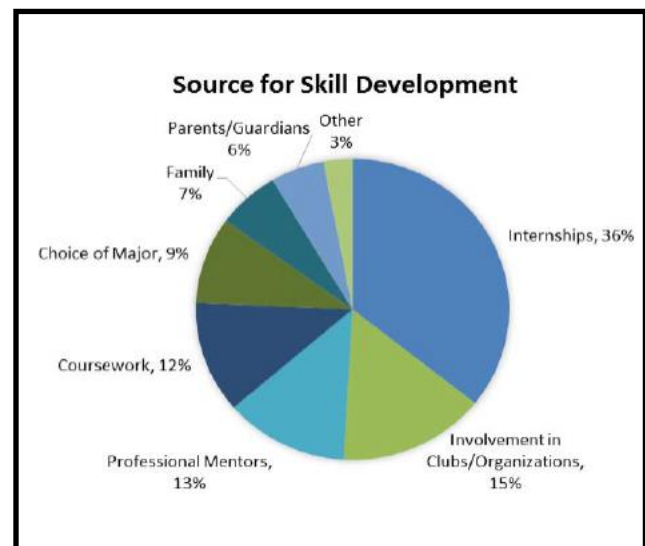
While Pennsylvania is not within the Top Ten Job Posting States with AgCareers.net, there are ample positions in our own state. The top five ag industry types in PA are: Food and Beverage Products and Processing, Pest Management, Animal Production-Dairy, Animal Production-Swine, and Plant and Soil Sciences, Seed and Biotechnology.

Overall, opportunities in agriculture look positive. While unemployment rates in the U.S continued to decline throughout 2014, down to 5.6% in December of 2014, there appears to be a steady growth in the agricultural industry, with a 15% increase in the number of jobs posted on AgCareers.com in 2014. These increasing numbers of jobs posted indicate that the ag and food industries are actively recruiting to fill a variety of positions.

Oftentimes students or young people have unrealistic perceptions of salary for their first job. When

asked what their expected salary was for their first job, 33% of the respondents selected \$36,000-\$45,000, followed by 27% that selected \$46,000-\$55,000. Compared to the salary averages for new graduate hires, these expectations are not unrealistic. According to the AgCareers.com 2012 *Intern and New Grad Hire Report*, the average salary for a new graduate in agriculture is just over \$42,000.

Respondents were asked to whom or what would they mostly attribute their choice to pursue an agricultural career. Thirty-one percent selected involvement in clubs/organizations, such as 4-H and FFA. Twenty-six percent said influence from a parent or guardian made a big difference.



Additionally, some other factors in the ag job market/outlook look positive. The average salary across all pathways in agriculture was \$59,000 in 2012. Continuation into post-secondary education after high school looks favorable with 91.5% of the students polled saying they plan to continue their education. There were 39,794 jobs posted on AgCareers.com at all degree levels in 2012, but only 18,692 graduates with bachelor's degrees.. While that continues to be a concern for employers, it leaves a lot of opportunity for young people to choose careers in agriculture and find exciting, good paying jobs in the foreseeable future.

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*"Young farmers are any farmers
willing to learn"*



SAVE THE DATE

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October 14, 4:30 -- 8:00

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