



# Department of Agricultural, Food and Resource Economics

## BY THE NUMBERS

**750**  
undergrad  
students

**80**  
graduate  
students

**95%**  
student job  
placement

**75**  
faculty  
members

**7,647**  
alumni

## ABOUT

With one of the most preeminent agricultural economics departments in the world, MSU prepares the next generation of economists and managers to meet the needs of the food, agricultural and natural resource systems in Michigan and around the world.

- 1906 — The first MSU agricultural economics course was offered through the Economics Department.
- 1949 — The Department of Agricultural Economics (AEC) was formed jointly with faculty members from the Economics Department and the Farm Management Unit in the College of Agriculture.
- 2008 — The department modified its name to Agricultural, Food and Resource Economics (AFRE) to better reflect the breadth of its work.

## PROGRAMS

- **Undergraduate:** Bachelor's degrees in agribusiness management, environmental economics and management, and food industry management.
- **Graduate:** Master's and Ph.D. in agricultural, food and resource economics as well as dual-degree options. Graduate specializations include: development economics, environmental and resource economics, and food and agricultural economics.

## STUDENTS

- Highly employable
- Three jobs available per every graduate

## GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

There are various ways to show your support:

- Unrestricted graduate student support, especially for second- and third-year students.
- Endowed chairs and professorships. The goal is to endow 30 percent of faculty members.
- Undergraduate experiential learning.

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## WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

**LEARN:** A desire for lifelong enrichment marks a true Spartan. A wide variety of programs are available in person and online for continues learning.

**GET TOGETHER:** On campus and throughout the world there are many opportunities for Spartans to connect with one another.

**GIVE BACK:** Spartans make a difference. Join our ranks of Spartans who are enhancing the MSU experience for students, faculty and staff.

**TRADITIONS:** There are many ways for alumni and fans to show their support of the university.

**FIND OUT MORE:** [canr.msu.edu/alumniengagement](https://canr.msu.edu/alumniengagement)

## STAY CONNECTED

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## WORLDWIDE RESEARCH

- Agricultural policy research in Africa to assess the impact of agricultural commercialization on rural poverty, women's and girl's empowerment.
- Evaluation of market nutritious foods to addresses the challenge of obesity in developing countries.
- Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Food Security Policy addresses four cross-cutting research areas relevant to food security:
  - climate change
  - gender equity
  - nutrition
  - youth employment.

## OUTREACH

- Many faculty and staff are members of long-standing innovative centers and service groups that collaborate to provide economic and business analysis services to stakeholders worldwide.
- Professors are experts within their fields who work with industry, government and global leaders to develop economic solutions.
- Emphasis on applied and disciplinary contributions, especially to the economic and managerial effectiveness of firms in the food and agricultural sector, and to the sustainability of agricultural production, environmental resources and rural communities.