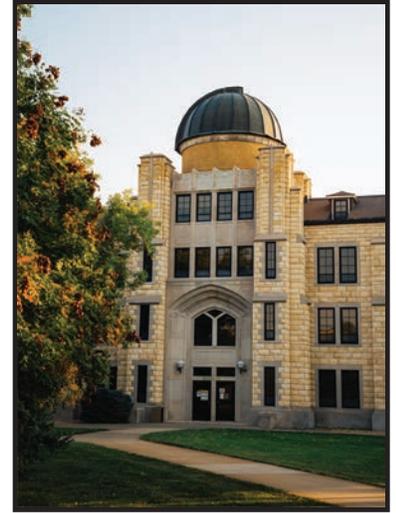The Department of Agriculture equips students with the necessary skills and experiences for the evolving agriculture industry. Through hands-on learning and diverse academic programs, graduates find fulfilling careers, from returning to the family farm to taking a leading role in global agribusiness corporations.

Key Details

- Serving approximately 400 students, the department creates a close-knit and supportive community.
- Over 200 scholarships are awarded by FHSU annually to agriculture students.
- Access to internships and study abroad enhances student's practical experiences.
- An annual career fair offers valuable networking and job opportunities

Academic Programs

- Agricultural Business
- Animal Science
- Agronomy
- Business Agronomy
- Agricultural Education
- Agricultural Communication
- Agricultural Leadership
- MBA with Agribusiness concentration

Faculty/Administrative spotlights

- The FHSU Department of Agriculture faculty brings a wealth of knowledge and practical experience to the program. Their commitment to student success is evident through their dedication to fostering a dynamic learning environment and providing valuable mentorship opportunities.

Faculty in Agronomy
- Dr. Yi-Chen Lee
- Dr. Iryna Mcdonald

Faculty in Animal Sciences
- Dr. Clyde Cranwell
- Dr. Brittany Howell

Faculty in Agribusiness
- Dr. Danielle Kaminski
- Mr. Jeremy Ryan
- Dr. Brian Sancewich

Adjuncts/part-time faculty with various expertise
- Mrs. Laura Haffner
- Dr. Twig Marston
- Dr. Todd Powell
- Dr. Kerry Wasinger

Coach
- Mr. Guy Forell - Rodeo

Dr. Sophie Ano, Chair

- A native of Southern France with expertise in food marketing, consumer behavior, food retailing, and International Ag, Dr. Ano received her Ph.D. from Arizona State University and was a faculty member and chair at State University of New York at Cobleskill, where she worked for nine years. She was recently selected as an emerging leader in higher education by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.
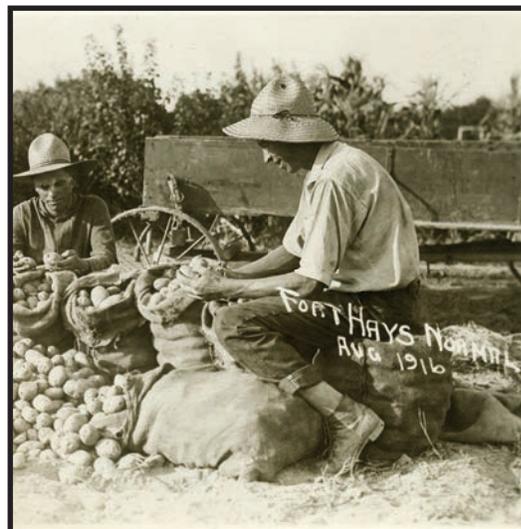
University Farm

The Fort Hays State University Farm, with a rich history spanning over a century, provides students with unique hands-on experiences and practical exposure to production agriculture and management skills. Operating as a commercial farm on nearly 4,000 acres, it is a real-world laboratory for applying classroom knowledge and experiencing agricultural practice`s in action.

Key Details

- Beef Unit with over 200 Red Angus cows
- Sheep Unit
- Swine Unit
- Crops unit and pasture lands
- Part-time employment opportunities for students in various units
- Hosts educational sessions for various groups, including area school districts

History

- Established by Principal William S. Picken in 1908.
- Expanded under President William Alexander Lewis to include raising crops, dairy, hog, and poultry to furnish food for the dining hall.
- Enough food was raised during WWI to make the school self-sufficient.
- Beginning in 1915, the field crops project allowed students to offset educational costs by growing and selling crops.

Agriculture Student Organizations

In addition to the department's hands-on experiential learning, small class sizes, and personal mentorship, students also get a chance to interact and gain leadership experience with a wide variety of student organizations. Details of each can be found here, https://www.fhsu.edu/agriculture/Student-Organizations/

- Agronomy Business Club
- Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity
- Block & Bridle Club
- Collegiate Farm Bureau
- Delta Tau Alpha
- FHSU Rodeo Club
- FHSU Livestock Judging Team
- FHSU Show Team
- Sigma Alpha Agriculture Sorority
- Teaching Ag Group (TAG)
- FHSU Livestock Judging Team

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