



The Department of Agriculture prepares 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.

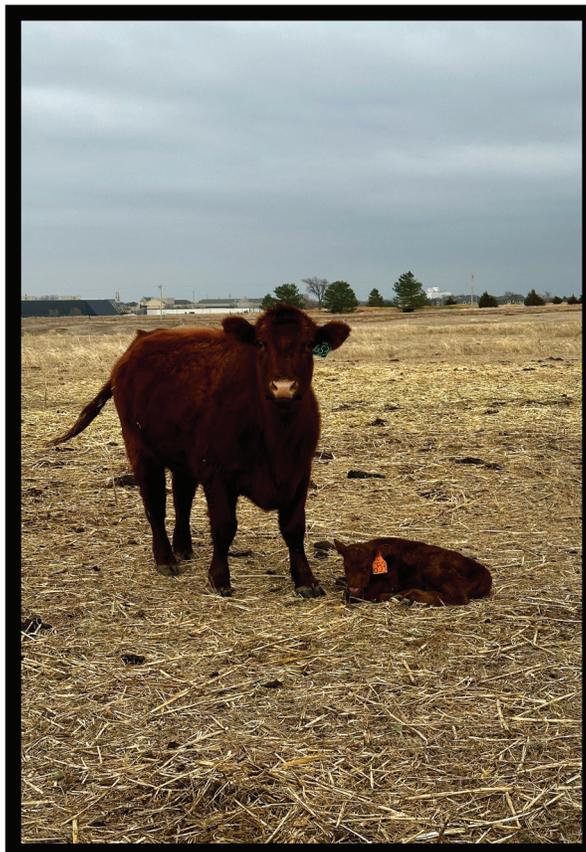
AG Day on the Quad

Ag Day on the Quad is back this spring! Sponsored by Collegiate Farm Bureau and scheduled for April 30, Ag Day aims to raise awareness about agriculture on campus. Activities such as mechanical bull riding, feed sack races, and roping dummies will be available for everyone to enjoy. This event is being held on campus in conjunction with Small Business Day. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about many of our business partners within our community.



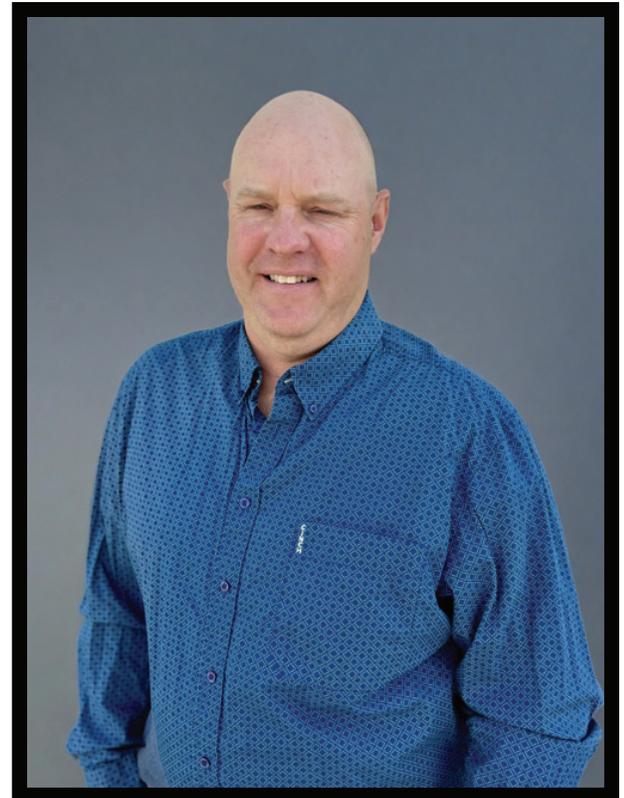
Affiliations and partnership pathways

The Department of Agriculture is one of the first academic departments to establish curriculum pathways with our affiliated institutions, Fort Hays Tech | Northwest and Fort Hays Tech | North Central. Students completing two years in their precision agriculture program or their agricultural equipment program will be able to finish two years at FHSU earning a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Business (either on campus or online). Similar pathways exist with community colleges around the state; Garden City Community College just aligned its curriculum for pathways into our agronomy degree track at FHSU and are working towards an alignment in Animal Science. Those pathways provide students with more options and possibilities to join the workforce or further their education.



Quiz Bowl

Each February, the Delta Tau Alpha Club organizes an Ag department quiz bowl. Teams of three compete in animal science, agronomy, ag mechanics, and agribusiness questions. Teams compete for a chance to win a trip to the 2025 NACTA (North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture) Judging Conference hosted by West Texas A&M in Canyon, Texas, and compete in the national quiz bowl competition. Taylor Nulik, Kiana Martin, and Dylan Bruntz are this year's winners and will head to Texas on April 8! Other students will join them to compete in livestock management contest, livestock judging contest and veterinary science contest. This trip is sponsored by the Department of Agriculture and the Block and Bridle student club.



New University Farm Manager

FHSU's new University Farm Manager, Mark Weve, is from Pretty Prairie, KS. After graduating from Fort Hays State University in the 1990s, Mark moved back to his hometown in Kansas and fell in love with agriculture and farming. Mark has over twenty-five years of professional farm and agricultural management experience as a landowner, cattle rancher, crop producer, and sports enthusiast. Mark has been a volunteer firefighter for over 20 years, President and Board Member of Kansas Largest Night Rodeo for over 20 years, and has been active in his church since childhood. Mark loves the outdoors, football, basketball, and playing pickleball and board games with his wife and kids.

Upcoming events for FHSU Ag:

Riegel Building Ribbon Cutting, April 11

FHSU Rodeo, April 17-19

Ag Day on the Quad, April 30



Questions? We're here for you!

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