

## **Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources Career Cluster**

1. Analyze how issues, trends, technologies and public policies impact systems in the Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources Career Cluster.

<u>AG 1.1</u>: Explain how regulations and major laws impact management of AFNR activities. *Sample Indicators:* 

- Describe the major impacts of AFNR legislation.
- Describe the major regulations impacting the management of an individual resource.
- *Identify situations that violate regulations.*

<u>AG 1.2</u>: Describe current issues impacting AFNR activities.

Sample Indicators:

• *Identify significant issues that impact work assignment.* 

<u>AG 1.3</u>: Identify, organize alternatives, and evaluate public policy issues related to AFNR. *Sample Indicators:* 

- *Identify alternatives to an issue's potential solution.*
- Evaluate alternatives for strengths and weaknesses.
- Recommend a solution based on research and analysis.

AG 1.4: Consider public input in decision-making for AFNR activities.

Sample Indicators:

- Identify impacts on the environment of a given animal management or production situation.
- List strategies to reduce or mitigate environmental impacts.
- Apply techniques to prevent potentially negative environmental impacts in an animal management or production situation.

AG 1.5: Explain the impact of sustainability on ARNR activities and practices.

Sample Indicators:

- *Identify significant environmental and economic issues facing AFNR.*
- List the potential economic, environmental, and social costs and benefits of enacting sustainability initiatives in AFNR.

<u>AG 1.6</u>: Recognize the historical, social, cultural and potential applications of biotechnology on AFNR activities.

Sample Indicators:

• Discuss the current applications of biotechnology in AFNR.

<u>AG.1.7</u>: Demonstrate the application of biotechnology to AFNR activities.

Sample Indicators:

• Explain how biotechnology is used in specific AFNR activities



- 2. Evaluate the nature and scope of the Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources Career Cluster and the role agriculture, food and natural resources (AFNR) play in society and the economy.
  - <u>AG 2.1</u>: Examine company performance and goals within AFNR organizations and the AFNR industry. *Sample Indicators:* 
    - Examine the role and major functions of AFNR organizations to better utilize AFNR guidelines.
    - Explain the major guidelines used by AFNR organizations to manage and improve performance while maintaining ecosystem health.
    - Examine economic, social, and technological changes to spotlight their impact on AFNR organizations and the industry.
    - Explain technological changes to reveal their impact on information technology and transportation.
  - AG 2.2: Examine the role of AFNR in global, national, and regional economies.

Sample Indicators:

- State the economic output of AFNR-related industries in the United States.
- Describe the role of global supply and demand on AFNR.
- Evaluate the impact of AFNR activities in your local community.
- <u>AG 2.3</u>: Explain the types of industries, organizations, and activities part of AFNR. *Sample Indicators:* 
  - Provide examples of AFNR organizations in each of the AFNR pathways.
  - Explain the relationship between agriculture, food, and natural resources.
  - Describe the role of government, multinational companies, regional companies, small businesses, entrepreneurs, and consumers in AFNR activities.
- AG 2.4: Explain the influence of AFNR on society.

Sample Indicators:

- *Identify ways in which the average person interacts with AFNR on a daily basis.*
- Find examples of tradition, custom, or policy that result from practices in AFNR.
- Communicate the importance of AFNR to general public.
- 3. Examine and summarize importance of health, safety and environmental management systems in AFNR organizations.
  - <u>AG 3.1</u>: Examine health risks associated with a particular skill to better form personnel safety guidelines.



- Define what level of possible contamination or injury is considered a risk in order to set safety priorities.
- Assess mental and physical stresses to determine all aspects necessary to perform well and what health risks are associated with both the mental and physical aspects.

## AG 3.2: Develop response plans to handle emergencies.

Sample Indicators:

- *Identify various emergency response plan requirements for a facility.*
- Develop an emergency response plan for natural disasters.

## AG 3.3: Identify hazards and acquire first aid skills to promote environmental safety.

Sample Indicators:

- *Identify general workplace safety hazards.*
- Apply general workplace safety precautions/procedures.
- Acquire and maintain first aid certification.
- Acquire and maintain cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification.
- Respond to medical emergencies.
- Explain purpose of pollution control systems.
- Describe procedures to comply with environmental regulations.
- Maintain environmental health and safety facilities.
- Handle chemicals and safety equipment appropriately.
- Explain ergonomic procedures.
- Assess workplace safety.
- Assess a safety-training plan.
- *Observe all regulatory and safety standards.*

<u>AG 3.4</u>: Examine required regulations to maintain/improve safety, health and environmental management systems and sustainable business practices.

Sample Indicators:

- Study appropriate resources to identify the major regulatory areas (e.g., personal protective equipment) and government laws and regulations.
- Examine the major system components to realize benefits of health, safety, and environmental management systems in AFNR organizations.
- Measure or estimate benefits to explain how government agencies promote compliance and improved health, safety, and environmental performance to AFNR organizations.
- Examine logistics, distribution, and transportation organizations to explain how AFNR organizations promote improved health, safety, and environmental performance.

<u>AG 3.5</u>: Enact procedures that demonstrate the importance of safety, health, and environmental responsibilities in the workplace.



- Establish a set of safety, health, and environmental principles to ensure a high level of performance.
- Develop a pollution/waste prevention plan to reduce or eliminate waste.

#### AG 3.6: Demonstrate methods to correct common hazards.

Sample Indicators:

- *Identify and describe common hazards in the workplace.*
- Identify and describe major sources of information about hazards in the workplace (e.g., MSDS, work procedures, exposure control plans, training materials, labels, and signage).
- Identify sources of combustible/flammable materials, fire, and emergencies to establish a fire-safe environment.
- Interpret safety signs and symbols.

## <u>AG.3.7</u>: Demonstrate application of personal and group health and safety practices.

Sample Indicators:

- *Identify procedures necessary for maintaining a safe work area.*
- *Identify methods to correct common hazards.*
- *Identify methods for disposing of hazardous materials.*
- Demonstrate principals of safe physical movement to avoid slips, trips, and spills.
- *Inspect and use protective equipment (PPE).*

## 4. Demonstrate stewardship of natural resources in AFNR activities.

## <u>AG.4.1</u>: Demonstrate evidence of interest and concern for natural resource stewardship. *Sample Indicators:*

- Explain how personal choices are related to natural resource sustainability.
- Describe strategies to help an organization create a culture of natural resource stewardship.

## <u>AG.4.2</u>: Explain the environmental considerations of decision making in AFNR management. *Sample Indicators:*

- Predict the positive and negative impacts of given AFNR activities.
- 5. Describe career opportunities and means to achieve those opportunities in each of the Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources Career Pathways.

## <u>AG.5.1</u>: Locate and identify career opportunities that appeal to personal career goals. *Sample Indicators*:

- Locate and interpret career information for at least one career cluster.
- *Identify job requirements for career pathways.*
- Identify educational and credentialing requirements for career cluster and pathways.



AG.5.2: Match personal interest and aptitudes to selected careers.

Sample Indicators:

- *Identify personal interests and aptitudes.*
- *Identify job requirements and characteristics of selected careers.*
- Compare personal interests and aptitudes with job requirements and characteristics of career selected.
- Modify career goals based on results of personal interests and aptitudes with career requirements and characteristics.

<u>AG.5.3</u>: Provide examples and descriptions of various careers in each of the AFNR pathways. *Sample Indicators:* 

- List examples of careers that require various levels of postsecondary education in each AFNR pathway.
- Explain the primary benefit of having a career in each of the AFNR pathways.
- 6. Analyze the interaction among ANFR systems in the production, processing and management of food, fiber and fuel and sustainable use of natural resources.

AG.6.1: Explain foundational cycles and systems of AFNR.

Sample Indicators:

- Explain the typical plant and animal life cycle.
- Explain nutrient and water cycles.
- Describe basic plant and animal production cycles.

AG.6.2: Explain the interconnectedness of systems within AFNR.

Sample Indicators:

- Describe how various systems (e.g., soil, water, economic, plant, insect, livestock production) are impacted by the production practices of a give crop such as corn or alfalfa.
- Explain how changes in one system in AFNR can benefit and cost components of other systems. (e.g., using less irrigation water and the impact on soli systems, economic systems, watersheds)

## **Agribusiness Systems Career Pathway (AG-BIZ)**

1. Apply management planning principles in AFNR business enterprises.

<u>AG-BIZ 1.1</u>: Develop a mission statement and related goals and objectives to guide business activities. Sample Indicators:

- *Identify planning approaches for preparing mission statement.*
- Write a mission statement.



- Establish short- and long-term goals.
- *Ask for feedback from stakeholders to test the impact of the mission statement.*
- Disseminate mission statement to inform fellow employees and gain in-house support.

## <u>AG-BIZ 1.2</u>: Apply management skills to organize an AFNR enterprise or business unit. *Sample Indicators:*

- *Identify management types.*
- *Identify organizational structures.*
- *Identify time management techniques.*
- Make business agreements.
- Follow local, state, and federal regulations and appreciate the consequences of not following them.
- Recruit, train, and evaluate human resources.
- Make business presentations.

## 2. Use record keeping to accomplish AFNR business objectives, manage budgets, and comply with laws and regulations.

AG-BIZ 2.1: Employ fundamental accounting principles in business bookkeeping and associated financial files.

#### Sample Indicators:

- Budget resources (e.g., capital, human, financial, time).
- Manage assets for optimum utilization.
- Manage risk of liabilities.
- Evaluate credit uses and options.
- Prepare and interpret financial statements (e.g., balance sheet, profit/loss statement, cash flow statement).
- Prepare tax forms (e.g., W-4, I9, Depreciation, 1099, Workers Compensation).
- Determine cost of doing business.
- Compare and examine advantages and disadvantages of banking procedures (e.g., bank reconciliation).
- Analyze investment options (e.g., buy, lease, finance, risk).

## <u>AG-BIZ 2.2</u>: Prepare and maintain all files as needed for effective record keeping practices. Sample Indicators:

- *Identify information management systems.*
- Develop record keeping techniques and practices.
- Keep production and agribusiness records.
- Make records analysis.



## 3. Manage cash budgets, credit budgets and credit for an AFNR business using generally accepted accounting principles.

<u>AG-BIZ 3.1</u>: Employ fundamental accounting principles in business bookkeeping and associated financial files.

Sample Indicators:

- Budget resources (e.g., capital, human, financial, time).
- Manage assets for optimum utilization.
- Manage risk of liabilities.
- Evaluate credit uses and options.
- Prepare and interpret financial statements (e.g., balance sheet, profit/loss statement, cash flow statement).
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## 4. Develop a business plan for an AFNR enterprise or business unit.

AG-BIZ 4.1: Identify strategies to manage or mitigate risk.

Sample Indicators:

- *Identify sources of risk for an AFNR operation.*
- Explain risk management strategies common across all industries and strategies specific to AFNR operations.
- Match appropriate risk management strategies to risk situations in an AFNR operation.

<u>AG-BIZ 4.2</u>: Develop business goals and strategies that capitalize on opportunities in an AFNR market. *Sample Indicators:* 

- Evaluate market opportunities.
- Establish mission and vision for AFNR enterprise or business unit.
- Write business goals that are clear, specific, realistic, and aligned to the mission and vision of the organization.
- Define the purpose, customers, and goals of the business.
- Prepare a one-year and multiple-year projected budget for the business.

<u>AG-BIZ 4.3</u>: Develop an operation and/or production plan to provide required levels of product or service.

Sample Indicators:

• Identify the resources required for operation or production of an AFNR enterprise or business unit.



- *Calculate costs of carrying inventory.*
- List the components of a supply chain in an AFNR enterprise or business unit.

<u>AG-BIZ 4.4</u>: Analyze the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats to an AFNR enterprise or business unit.

Sample Indicators:

- Collect feedback from shareholders, stakeholders, and outside sources.
- Describe the opportunities and threats unique to AFNR operations.
- Analyze strengths and weakness of an AFNR enterprise or business unit compared to peer organizations.

## 5. Use sales and marketing principles common to agribusiness systems to accomplish AFNR business objectives.

<u>AG-BIZ 5.1</u>: Develop a mission statement and related goals and objectives to guide business activities. *Sample Indicators:* 

- *Identify planning approaches for preparing mission statement.*
- Write a mission statement.
- Establish short- and long-term goals.
- Ask for feedback from stakeholders to test the impact of the mission statement.
- Disseminate mission statement to inform fellow employees and gain in-house support.

## **Animal Systems Career Pathway (AG-ANI)**

## 1. Analyze historic and current trends impacting the animal systems industry.

<u>AG-ANI 1.1:</u> Explain the variety and scope of managed animal systems in the United States and around the world including: livestock, poultry, aquaculture, companion animals, zoo animals and exotic animals.

Sample Indicators:

- List the major livestock produced in each region of the world.
- Describe the scope and economic impact of the companion animal industry.

<u>AG-ANI 1.2:</u> Explain the historical development of animal systems around the world.. *Sample Indicators:* 

- Identify the origin of major livestock, poultry and companion animal species and breeds.
- Describe major changes in animal systems over the past 100 years. (e.g., greater confinement of livestock and poultry)
- Explain how characteristics of animals developed over time in response to animals' environments and selection efforts of humans..



AG-ANI 1.3: Describe trends in the animal systems industry.

Sample Indicators:

- Explain how animal systems are influenced by a country's economic growth and development.
- Describe emerging careers related to animal systems.
- *Identify impacts of technology on animal system.*

<u>AG-ANI 1.4:</u> Recognize the historical, social, cultural and potential applications of biotechnology in the animal systems industry.

Sample Indicators:

- Provide examples of how biotechnology has been used to solve an issue in the animal systems industry.
- 2. Utilize best practice protocols for husbandry and welfare based upon animal behaviors.

AG-ANI 2.1: Develop a safety plan for working with a specific animal.

Sample Indicators:

- Explain factors that serve to stimulate or discourage given types of animal behavior.
- Recognize the normality curve of animal behavior.
- *Perform safe handling procedures when working with animals.*
- *Identify strengths and weaknesses of an animal safety handling plan.*
- *Operate animal facilities to insure safety of animals.*
- 3. Design and provide proper animal nutrition given desired outcomes for performance, development, reproduction and/or economic production.

AG-ANI 3.1: Examine animal developmental stages.

Sample Indicators:

- Recognize the different phases of an animal's life cycle.
- Select diets which provide the appropriate quantity of nutrients for each animal developmental stage.
- Explain why nutrient requirements are different throughout an animal's life cycle.

<u>AG-ANI 3.2:</u> Assess whether the nutritional requirements of a given animal are being met by recording performance and comparing feed variations.

- Use different types of feedstuffs (e.g., roughage, concentrates) to create a feed ration containing the appropriate amounts of required nutrients.
- Use different forms of feedstuffs (e.g., pellets, cracked, rolled, ground) to create a diet that meets the needs of a specific animal.



AG-ANI 3.3: Design a nutritional plan for a given animal with a clearly stated outcome.

Sample Indicators:

- Calculate nutrient requirements.
- Analyze nutritional value of feedstuffs.
- Evaluate proposed plan for effectiveness and economic feasibility.
- Create a balanced ration for a given animal.
- 4. Apply principles of animal reproduction given desired outcomes for performance, development and/or economic production.

AG-ANI 4.1: Evaluate animals for breeding readiness and soundness.

Sample Indicators:

- Summarize factors that contribute to reproductive maturity.
- Identify reproductive challenges that can arise from the anatomy or physiology of the male or female reproductive system.

AG-ANI 4.2: Apply scientific techniques in breeding of animals.

Sample Indicators:

- *Design a breeding systems based on understanding of genetics.*
- Explain the processes of natural and artificial breeding methods.
- Explain the use of quantitative breeding values (e.g., EPDs) in the selection of animals for breeding.
- Explain the use of reproductive management practices including estrous synchronization, embryo transfer and superovulation.

AG-ANI 4.3: Evaluate the male and female reproductive systems in a given animal species.

Sample Indicators:

- *Identify the parts of male and female reproductive tracts on example animals.*
- Analyze the reproductive cycle of a given animal.
- Explain the function of components in the male and female reproductive systems.

AG-ANI 4.4: Demonstrate the application of biotechnology to AFNR activities.

Sample Indicators:

- Discuss the role of biotechnology in animal reproduction.
- 5. Evaluate environmental factors affecting animal performance and implement procedures for enhancing performance and animal health.

<u>AG-ANI 5.1:</u> Reduce or mitigate the environmental impacts of animal management or production. Sample Indicators:

• Identify impacts on the environment of a given animal management or production situation.



- *List strategies to reduce or mitigate environmental impacts.*
- Apply techniques to prevent potentially negative environmental impacts in an animal management or production situation.

AG-ANI 5.2: Describe the effects of environmental conditions on animals.

Sample Indicators:

- Describe optimal environmental conditions for a given animal.
- *Use equipment and facilities that contribute to optimal environmental conditions.*

## 6. Classify, evaluate and select animals based on anatomical and physiological characteristics.

AG-ANI 6.1: Classify animals by hierarchical taxonomy and use.

Sample Indicators:

- Describe use of biological rank-based classification for animals.
- List the classification of common livestock, poultry and companion animals.
- Explain ways animals can be classified by use (e.g., agricultural use
- Explain how breeds are used to classify animals of the same species.

AG-ANI 6.2: Describe basic functions of animal cells, organs and systems.

Sample Indicators:

- Diagram a typical animal cell.
- Describe the properties, locations and functions of types of animal tissue and organs.
- Identify major animal systems and describe function.

AG-ANI 6.3: Explain how the components and systems of animal anatomy and physiology relate to the production and use of animals.

Sample Indicators:

- Describe how skeletal and muscular systems relate to the production of meat and/or milk in livestock animals.
- Describe how skeletal system structure and movement impacts use of horses..

AG-ANI 6.4: Select animals for specific purposes and maximum performance based on anatomy and physiology.

- *Identify anatomical or physiological disorders common in companion animals.*
- Select animals to maximize performance based on anatomical and physiological characteristics that affect growth and reproduction.
- Evaluate an animal against its optimal anatomical and physiological characteristics.



## 7. Apply principles of effective animal health care.

AG-ANI 7.1: Implement a prevention and treatment program for animal diseases, parasites and other disorders for a given animal.

Sample Indicators:

- Perform health-check evaluations on animals.
- Treat common diseases, parasites and physiological disorders of animals.
- Design an animal health prevention and treatment program.

<u>AG-ANI 7.2:</u> Perform surgical and nonsurgical veterinary treatments and procedures. *Sample Indicators:* 

- Explain the clinical significance of common considerations of veterinary treatments,
- Prepare animals, facilities and equipment for surgical and nonsurgical veterinary treatments and procedures.

## **Environmental Service Systems Pathway (AG-ENV)**

## 8. Use analytic procedures and instruments to manage environmental systems activities.

AG-ENV 1.1: Monitor samples using a variety of instrumentation.

Sample Indicators:

- Operate basic laboratory equipment and environment-monitoring instruments (e.g., pH meter/ISE meter, compound microscope/dissecting microscope, sound level measuring devices, turbidimeter, conductivity meter, chlorine meter OVA, HNMU).
- Perform chemical laboratory sample preparation.
- Perform analytical separation techniques.
- Perform spectroscopic analysis using instruments such as: spectrophotometer/auto spectrophotometer, AA/graphite furnace, ICP, GC/MS, oxygen meter, IC, IR, FTIR X-ray diffraction nitrogen analyzer, mercury analyzer, FID/PID analyzer, and RAD meter.
- Operate advanced laboratory and field equipment and instruments (e.g., HPLC, GC, bomb calorimeters, Geiger Mueller counters, explosimeters, specific gas meters, carbon analyzers, microwaves).
- Use computers to interface with chemical analytical instruments.
- Perform instrumental analysis (e.g., mass spectrometers, chromatographs, electron microscopes).

AG-ENV 1.2: Analyze and interpret results of sample measurements.

Sample Indicators:

• Apply basic statistics concepts.



- Interpret scattergrams.
- Analyze probability theories.
- Determine control limits.
- Determine process capability.
- Prepare and evaluate charts.
- Conduct process improvement studies.
- *Interpret quantitative and graphic output from chemical analysis instruments.*

<u>AG-ENV 1.3:</u> Calibrate and service field equipment and instruments according to manufacturer's specifications.

### Sample Indicators:

- Maintain instruments using gas systems.
- Calibrate chemical analytical instruments.
- Operate and maintain flow instrument systems.
- Operate and maintain pressure test instruments (e.g., manometers, vacuum pumps, pressure and vacuum gages).
- Service thermal measuring instruments.
- Service physical property (e.g., sample control) measuring instruments.
- Service chemical property measuring instruments (e.g., O2 meter, spectrophotometer, atomic absorption spectrophotometer, inductively coupled plasma, ion chromatography, infrared).

## 9. Evaluate the impact of public policies and regulations on environmental services facility operations.

<u>AG-ENV 2.1:</u> Identify the major laws impacting environmental services by consulting reliable resources or participating in trainings.

- Identify key components of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA).
- *Identify requirements of the Superfund Amendment Reauthorization Act (SARA).*
- *Identify requirements of waste and material transportation.*
- Describe job-related activities subject to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).
- Describe requirements of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).
- Explain requirements of the Clean Water Act.
- Explain requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA).
- Explain requirements of the Clean Air Act.
- *Identify requirements of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act.*
- *Identify key components of ISO 14000.*



10. Develop proposed solutions to environmental issues, problems, and applications using scientific principles of meteorology, soil science, hydrology, microbiology, chemistry, and ecology.

<u>AG-ENV 3.1:</u> Recognize weather systems and weather patterns using meteorological principles and knowledge.

Sample Indicators:

- Identify the components of the earth's atmosphere.
- Explain basic meteorology principles.

<u>AG-ENV 3.2:</u> Describe soil compositions and properties to demonstrate knowledge of soil science. *Sample Indicators:* 

- Describe soil geology.
- Describe composition of soil.
- Describe the biological properties of soil.
- *Identify the physical properties of soil.*
- Describe the chemical properties of soil.
- Test soil samples to determine characteristics.
- Explain classification of soil water.
- Explain the relationship between soil classifications and land use.

<u>AG-ENV 3.3:</u> Explain well design and groundwater supplies using knowledge of hydrology. *Sample Indicators:* 

- Explain hydrology.
- Explain geological and meteorological principles affecting groundwater supply.
- Conduct channel flow analysis.
- Identify basic criteria for water well design.
- *Identify differences in groundwater potential.*
- *Identify environmental hazards associated with groundwater supplies.*

## AG-ENV 3.4: Use chemical analysis to conduct tests.

Sample Indicators:

- Explain basic chemistry principles (e.g., elements, compounds).
- Apply chemical laboratory skills.

<u>AG-ENV 3.5:</u> Perform common microbiology procedures to examine cell types and conduct tests. *Sample Indicators:* 

- Conduct bioassay tests.
- *Identify groups of microorganisms.*
- Analyze factors affecting microbial growth.



<u>AG-ENV 3.6:</u> Apply sampling techniques and other assessments using procedures and principles from the study of microbiology.

Sample Indicators:

- Apply microbiological principles and procedures.
- Explain immunological procedures.
- Describe roles of microorganisms in the environment.
- Explain microbial growth.
- Describe influence of environmental factors on microbes.
- Demonstrate the use of fundamental statistics in sampling practices.

## <u>AG-ENV 3.7:</u> Apply chemistry principles to environmental service systems.

Sample Indicators:

- Distinguish the characteristics of inorganic and organic compounds related to environmental service systems.
- Apply standard operating procedures for use and management of chemicals in environmental service systems.

<u>AG-ENV 3.8:</u> Discuss properties, classifications, functions, and principles for managing wetlands. Sample Indicators:

- Explain wetlands classification.
- Explain the function of wetlands.
- Describe the living components of wetland habitats.
- Delineate wetlands.
- Identify techniques used in wetland management, enhancement, and restoration programs.
- *Identify principles used in wetland mitigation and restoration.*

<u>AG-ENV 3.9:</u> Discuss properties, classifications, functions, and principles for managing watersheds. *Sample Indicators:* 

- *Identify properties of watersheds.*
- Explain watershed management.
- Delineate watersheds.
- Assess source water.

## Food Products & Processing Systems (AG-FD)

1. Develop and implement procedures to ensure safety, sanitation, and quality in food product and processing facilities.

<u>AG-FD 1.1:</u> Implement Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) procedures. *Sample Indicators:* 

• Describe the principles of HACCP.



• Outline procedures to eliminate possible contamination hazards associated with food products and processing.

<u>AG-FD 1.2:</u> Develop operational procedures and maintenance plans for food processing equipment and facilities.

Sample Indicators:

- Develop and maintain a Standard Sanitation Operating Procedure (SSOP).
- Explain and demonstrate Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP).
- Perform equipment and facility maintenance in a food product and processing operation.
- Practice worker safety procedures.

<u>AG-FD 1.3:</u> Employ safety and sanitation procedures for the handling, processing, and storage of food products.

Sample Indicators:

- Explain techniques and procedures for safe handling of food products.
- *Perform quality-assurance tests on food products.*
- Demonstrate approved food product handling techniques.
- Explain the importance of microbiological tests in food product preparation.

## 2. Apply principles of nutrition, biology, microbiology, chemistry, and human behavior to development of food products.

AG-FD 2.1: Execute key processes related to food product development and enhancement.

Sample Indicators:

- Conduct research.
- Apply the use of chemistry.
- Comply with and apply USDA/FDA standards.
- *Use product development (e.g., consumer opinion, taste testing).*
- Conduct nutritional analysis (e.g., biochemistry).
- *Compare and contrast the nutritive value of food groups.*
- *Identify and compare various food constituents.*

AG-FD 2.2: Field-test a food product for consumer acceptance.

Sample Indicators:

- Describe human behaviors related to food.
- Plan a field test for a new food product.
- *Perform sensory testing of a new food product with consumers.*

AG-FD 2.3: Analyze a food product to identify food constituents.



- Compare the nutritive value of food.
- Describe common food constituents (e.g., fats, vitamins, proteins)
- Explain how food constituents (proteins, minerals, etc.) contribute to product taste and appearance.

AG-FD 2.4: Determine the physical and chemical properties of a food product.

Sample Indicators:

- *Identify the required information for a food label.*
- Explain the function of common food additives.
- Predict the effects of altering a food product's formulation.
- 3. Select and process food products for storage, distribution, and consumption.

### AG-FD 3.1: Evaluate and grade food products.

Sample Indicators:

- Evaluate, grade, and classify meat, egg, fish, poultry, and dairy products.
- Evaluate, grade, and classify processed fruit and vegetable products.
- Evaluate, grade, and classify grain, legume, and oilseed products.

#### AG-FD 3.2: Process food products for sale and distribution.

Sample Indicators:

- Formulate food packages based on standard weights and measures.
- *Prepare fresh food products for distribution and sale.*
- Preserve foods through a variety of techniques.
- Select packaging for storage of processed foods.
- Evaluate storage conditions for food quality, shelf life, and indented use.

<u>AG-FD 3.3:</u> Use harvesting, selection, and selection techniques to obtain quality food products for processing and distribution.

Sample Indicators:

- Assign quality grades and yield grades to food products according to industry standards.
- Perform quality-assurance inspections of raw food products.
- *Describe acceptable animal treatment and harvesting techniques.*
- 4. Explain the scope of the food industry and the historical and current developments of food products and processing.

<u>AG-FD 4.1:</u> Explain the participants and their relationships in the food industry. *Sample Indicators:* 



- Describe the role of producers, wholesale buyers, ingredient manufacturers, merchandisers, processors, distributors, and retailers in the food industry.
- Explain the relationships among participants in the food industry for a given food product.

<u>AG-FD 4.2:</u> Describe historical developments in food products and processing. *Sample Indicators:* 

- Describe technological advancements that impacted food processing, storage, and distribution.
- Explain how environmental and GMO concerns about food products have impacted the food industry.
- Discuss food safety issues raised by consumers over time and the resulting impact on the food industry.
- Predict trends and their impact on the future of food production and processing.

<u>AG-FD 4.3:</u> Explain the role of industry associations, governmental agencies, and other organizations in the food industry.

Sample Indicators:

- Discuss the application of industry standards in food products and processing.
- Explain the importance of industry standard grading systems for food products and processing.
- Identify examples of collaboration between industry associations, governmental agencies, and other organizations related to a food industry issue.

AG-FD 4.4: Recognize the historical, social, cultural and potential applications of biotechnology on food products and processing.

Sample Indicators:

• Explain the costs and benefits of biotechnology applications in food products and processing.

#### **Natural Resources Systems (AG-NR)**

1. Plan and conduct natural resource management activities that apply logical, reasoned, and scientifically based solutions to natural resource issues and goals.

<u>AG-NR 1.1:</u> Recognize weather and other natural hazards related to working in an outdoor environment. *Sample Indicators:* 

- Recognize weather-related dangers.
- Recognize hazards as they relate to terrain.
- Recognize poisonous plants and animals.
- Recognize hazardous situations at the work location.

<u>AG-NR 1.2:</u> Apply cartographic skills to the planning, implementing, and evaluating natural resource activities.



#### Sample Indicators:

- Describe different types of maps.
- Interpret map features and legend.
- Determine map scale and actual distance.
- *Determine direction from map.*
- Determine elevation and terrain features from topographic maps.
- Use directional tools with map to locate position.
- *Use land survey and coordinate system.*
- Use a Geographic Information System (GIS) to interface geospatial data.
- Interpret photos and images.

### AG-NR 1.3: Obtain and analyze data by monitoring natural resource status.

#### Sample Indicators:

- Conduct resource inventory and population studies.
- Establish sample plots and points.
- Locate and identify resources.
- Collect data concerning resource availability and health.
- Maintain databases of resource data.
- Use a Geographic Information System (GIS) to analyze resource data.
- Prepare a technical report.
- Describe the relationship of harvest levels to long-term availability of resources.

## <u>AG-NR 1.4:</u> Explain the application of laws and regulations related to natural resource systems. Sample Indicators:

- Identify applicable laws and regulations.
- List federal, state, and local agencies that carry out laws and regulations related to natural resource systems.

## <u>AG-NR 1.5:</u> Execute natural resource strategies and activities applying scientific knowledge from the study of ecology and wildlife.

- Demonstrate stream enhancement techniques.
- Demonstrate forest stand improvement techniques.
- Demonstrate wildlife habitat enhancement techniques.
- Demonstrate range enhancement techniques.
- Demonstrate recreation area enhancement techniques.



## 2. Plan and Analyze interrelationships between natural resources and humans needed to manage natural resource systems.

<u>AG-NR 2.1:</u> Examine natural resource topics using science concepts, processes, and research techniques.

Sample Indicators:

- Develop a research/monitoring plan to inquire about a natural resource topic.
- Conduct a research/monitoring activity for a natural resource topic.
- Evaluate the results of a natural resource-related inquiry.
- Produce a technical report of results/findings

<u>AG-NR 2.2:</u> Examine biological and physical characteristics to identify and classify natural resources. Sample Indicators:

- *Identify tree species and other woody vegetation.*
- *Identify grass and forage species.*
- Identify wildlife species.
- Identify fish species.
- Identify rocks, minerals, and soil types.

AG-NR 2.3: Examine natural cycles and related phenomena to describe ecologic concepts and principles.

Sample Indicators:

- Describe the hydrologic cycle.
- Describe the nitrogen cycle.
- Describe the carbon cycle.
- Describe nutrient cycles.
- Describe succession.
- Describe population dynamics.
- Describe primary and secondary producers.
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## 3. Develop plans to ensure responsible and sustainable production and processing of natural resources.

<u>AG-NR 3.1:</u> Plan for the production, harvesting, processing, and/or use of natural resources in a responsible and sustainable manner.

Sample Indicators:

- Describe forest harvest techniques and procedures.
- *Describe wildlife harvest techniques and procedures.*
- Describe fish harvest techniques and procedures.
- Describe how minerals and ores are extracted and processed.
- Describe how oil is extracted and processed.
- Describe hydroelectric generation techniques and procedures.
- Describe how public recreation use is a product.
- Develop plans for production, use, or harvesting of a natural resource in a given environment.

## 4. Demonstrate responsible control and management procedures and techniques to protect or maintain natural resources.

AG-NR 4.1: Employ techniques and equipment needed to manage and/or prevent fire.

Sample Indicators:

- Demonstrate personal fire prevention precautions while working in natural environments.
- Participate in wildfire prevention community service project.
- Explain the use of prescribed burns.
- Meet industry standards for fire suppression training (e.g., National Wildfire Coordinating Group Firefighter Certification Standards).

<u>AG-NR 4.2:</u> Employ appropriate techniques to prevent the spread of animal and plant diseases affecting natural resource systems.

Sample Indicators:

• *Identify observable diseases impacting plants and animals.* 



- Describe how to report observance of disease infestations.
- *Use appropriate techniques and equipment when working with bio-hazards.*

AG-NR 4.3: Manage invasive species infestations that threaten natural resource systems.

Sample Indicators:

- *Identify and classify insects.*
- Identify insect damage signs.
- Describe how to report observance of insect infestation.
- *Identify examples of invasive species that threaten natural resource systems.*
- Plan for control techniques to manage spread of invasive species.

## **Plant Systems (AG-PL)**

1. Develop and implement a crop management plan for a given production goal that accounts for environmental factors.

<u>AG-PL 1.1:</u> Develop a fertilization plan using the results of an analysis and evaluation of nutritional requirements and environmental conditions.

Sample Indicators:

- Describe nutrient sources.
- Determine plant nutrient requirements for optimum growth.
- *Identify function of plant nutrients in plants.*
- Determine the environmental factors that influence and optimize plant growth.
- Apply nutrients to plants for economic growth.
- Describe nutrient application methods and appropriate practices.

<u>AG-PL 1.2:</u> Evaluate soil/media nutrients using tests of appropriate materials and/or by examining data. *Sample Indicators:* 

- *Collect and test soil/media and/or plant tissue.*
- Interpret tests of soil/media and/or plant tissue.
- *Identify soil slope, structure, and type.*
- Evaluate soil/media permeability and water-holding capacity.
- Determine the chemical properties of soil/media.
- Determine land use capability.
- Determine the biological functions of microorganisms of soil/media.

AG-PL 1.3: Determine the influence of environmental factors on plants.

Sample Indicators:

• Describe plant response to light color, intensity, and duration.



- Determine the optimal and allowable air and soil temperature and water conditions for plant growth.
- Describe the optimal and allowable characteristics of the growing media for plant growth.

### AG-PL 1.4: Manage water conditions for plant growth.

Sample Indicators:

- Explain how soil draining and water-holding capacity can be improved.
- Design an irrigation schedule that makes the most efficient use of irrigation water.
- *Identify categories of soil water.*

## AG-PL 1.5: Manage characteristics of growing media.

Sample Indicators:

- Explain the various types and components of growing media.
- *Describe techniques to reduce soil compaction.*
- Modify composition of growing media to better meet plant growth needs.

## 2. Apply the principles of classification, plant anatomy, and plant physiology to plant production and management.

<u>AG-PL 2.1:</u> Examine unique plant properties to identify/describe functional differences in plant structures including roots, stems, flowers, leaves, and fruit.

Sample Indicators:

- *Identify plant structures (e.g., seeds).*
- Describe physiological functions of plants.
- Describe germination process and conditions.

#### AG-PL 2.2: Classify plants based on physiology for taxonomic or other classifications.

Sample Indicators:

- Classify plants as monocots or dicots.
- Classify plants as annuals, biennials, or perennials.
- Classify plants according to growth habit.
- Classify plants by type.
- Classify plants by economic value.
- Classify plants by agricultural use.
- List the scientific names and key characteristics of agriculturally important plants.

## <u>AG-PL 2.3:</u> Apply knowledge of plant anatomy and plant structures to plant systems activities. *Sample Indicators:*

- *Identify root types, tissues, and components.*
- Explain active and passive transport through root systems.
- *Identify the components of plant stems.*



- Explain translocation.
- Explain how plant management techniques can impact mineral transport and translocation.
- *Identify the different types of flowers and flower forms.*
- Explain how flower structures impact plant breeding and production.
- Describe the types and components of seeds and fruits.
- Explain how plants are managed for the production of seeds and fruit.

## <u>AG-PL 2.4:</u> Apply knowledge of plant physiology and energy conservation to plant systems activities. Sample Indicators:

- Explain how plant management relies on understanding of light-dependent and light-independent reactions of photosynthesis.
- Relate plant growth, management, and harvesting strategies in response to stages of cellular respiration in plants.
- Use plant growth regulators to product desired responses from plants.

## 3. Propagate, culture, and harvest plants and plant products based on current industry standards.

## <u>AG-PL 3.1:</u> Develop a production plan that applies the fundamentals of plant management. Sample Indicators:

- *Identify and select seeds and plants*
- Manipulate and evaluate environmental conditions (e.g., irrigation, mulch shading) to foster plant germination, growth and development.
- Evaluate and demonstrate planting practices (e.g., population rate, germination/seed vigor, inoculation, seed and plant treatments).
- Evaluate and demonstrate transplanting practices.
- Prepare soil/media for planting.
- Control plant growth (e.g., pruning, pinching, disbudding, topping, detasseling, staking, cabling, shearing, shaping).
- Prepare plants and plant products for distribution.

## AG-PL 3.2: Harvest crops using methods that apply fundamentals of plant management.

- Determine crop maturity.
- *Identify harvesting practices and equipment.*
- Demonstrate common harvesting techniques.
- Calculate yield and loss.
- *Identify options for crop storage.*
- *Maintain quality of plants products in storage.*
- Prepare plants and plant products for distribution.



## AG-PL 3.3: Handle crops using method that apply fundamentals of plant management.

Sample Indicators:

- Demonstrate techniques for grading, handling, and packaging plants and plant products for distribution.
- Predict typical loss of plants or plant products in the process of handling, packing and/or distribution.

### AG-PL 3.4: Store crops using methods that apply fundamentals of plant management.

Sample Indicators:

- *Identify methods for storing plants and plant products.*
- Explain how cellular respiration affects plant and plant product storage.
- Explain the proper conditions for storage of plants and plant products.

#### AG-PL 3.5: Produce crops using a plant management plan.

Sample Indicators:

- Inspect propagation material for pest and diseases,
- Prepare growing media/soil for planting.
- Prepare a schedule for production that accommodates environmental setting (natural, greenhouse, or modified).
- Demonstrate proper plant procedures and post-planting care.
- Control growth through mechanical, cultural, and mechanical means.

#### AG-PL 3.6: Develop and implement an integrated pest management plan.

Sample Indicators:

- *Identify major weeds, beneficial insects, insect pests, and plant diseases for region and crop.*
- Diagram the life cycles of major plant pests and diseases.
- Explain the proper selection and use of pesticide controls and formulations.
- Compare the risks and benefits of chemical and non-chemical pest controls.

#### AG-PL 3.7: Demonstrate plant propagation techniques.

Sample Indicators:

- Explain pollination, cross-pollination, and self-pollination of flowering plants.
- Design plants to control the pollination of flowering plants.
- Demonstrate seed-sowing techniques that result in favorable germination, viability, and vigor.
- Demonstrate proper procedures in budding or grafting plant materials.
- Propagate plants by micropropagation.
- Explain the principles and processes of recombinant DNA technology in plants.
- Compare plant breeding and genetic modification.

## AG-PL 3.8: Apply principles and practices of sustainable agriculture to plant production.



- Calculate the economic, environmental, and human health costs and benefits of incorporating sustainable plant production practices.
- Plan the production of plants or plant products that incorporate sustainable practices.
- Identify the certifying options for crops and plants produced using sustainable techniques.

AG-PL 3.9: Demonstrate the application of biotechnology to plant production.

Sample Indicators:

- Explain the principles and processes of recombinant DNA technology in plants.
- *List the current applications of biotechnology in plant production.*
- 4. Apply principles of design in plant systems to enhance an environment (e.g., floral, forest landscape, and farm).

<u>AG-PL 4.1:</u> Create a design using plants that demonstrates an application of basic design elements and principles.

Sample Indicators:

- Conduct a site evaluation for physical condition and design implications.
- Apply elements of design (e.g., line, form, texture, color).
- *Incorporate principles of design (e.g. space, scale, proportion, order).*
- Use landscape design drawing tools including Computer-Aided Design (CAD) and industryspecific software.
- Select hard goods, supplies, and tools used in design.
- *Select plant(s) for design.*

#### Power, Structural & Technical Systems (AG-PST)

1. Apply physical science principles and engineering applications related to mechanical equipment, structures, and biological systems to solve problems and improve performance in AFNR power, structural, and technical systems.

AG-PST 1.1: Select energy sources for power generation.

- *Identify petroleum sources (e.g., gasoline, diesel).*
- Identify alternative sources (e.g., ethanol, biodiesel, air, wood, geothermal, solar).
- Compare environmental impact of energy sources.
- Compare efficiency of energy sources.
- Compare characteristics of energy sources.
- Discuss efficiency of systems (e.g., fuel cells, chemical, wind, hydro, nuclear, electric, mechanical, solar, biological).



<u>AG-PST 1.2:</u> Use hand and power tools commonly required in power, structural, and technical systems *Sample Indicators:* 

- *Identify petroleum sources (e.g., gasoline, diesel).*
- Demonstrate use of measurement tools.
- Demonstrate use of hand tools and instruments used for service, construction, and fabrication.
- Demonstrate use of power tools and instruments used for service, construction, and fabrication.

## AG-PST 1.3: Investigate solutions to AFNR power, structural, and technical systems.

Sample Indicators:

- *Use the scientific method to guide investigation.*
- Apply knowledge of physical science principles to identify the cause of the problem and to brainstorm solutions.
- *Use engineering approach in the design and testing of potential solutions.*

<u>AG-PST 1.4:</u> Design or modify equipment, structures, or biological systems to improve performance of an AFNR enterprise or business unit.

Sample Indicators:

- *Generate ideas that will improve performance.*
- Build rapid prototypes to test ideas and new designs.
- Evaluate success of prototypes.
- Determine feasibility of full-scale production of new design or modification.
- Plan production of design or modification.

## 2. Operate and maintain mechanical equipment related to AFNR power, structural, and technical systems.

AG-PST 2.1: Maintain machinery and equipment by performing scheduled service routines.

- Lubricate machinery and equipment.
- Ensure presence and function of safety systems and hardware.
- Service electrical systems.
- Perform machine adjustments (e.g., belts, drive chains).
- Service filtration systems.
- Maintain fluid levels.
- Maintain vehicle, machinery, and equipment cleanliness and appearance.
- Maintain fluid conveyance components (e.g., hoses and lines, valves, nozzles).
- Design a preventive maintenance schedule.
- *Identify causes of malfunctions and failures.*
- Calibrate metering, monitoring, and sensing equipment.



AG-PST 2.2: Perform service routines to maintain power units and equipment.

Sample Indicators:

- Test and service electrical systems.
- *Troubleshoot malfunctions and failures in equipment.*
- Service filtration systems on power units.
- Perform equipment lubrication.
- Develop a preventive maintenance schedule.

### AG-PST 2.3: Operate machinery and equipment while observing all safety precautions.

Sample Indicators:

- Describe function of machine controls and instrumentation.
- Perform appropriate start-up procedures.
- *Select proper machine(s) for specific task(s).*
- Safely operate equipment.
- Perform pre-operation inspection.
- List applicable laws for on- and off-highway operation.

## 3. Service and repair mechanical equipment and poser systems used in AFNR power, structural and technical systems.

<u>AG-PST 3.1:</u> Service and repair the components of internal combustion engines using procedures for troubleshooting and evaluating performance.

Sample Indicators:

- *Describe principles of operation.*
- *Identify engine systems and components.*
- Analyze and troubleshoot engines.
- Perform overhaul procedures.
- Evaluate engine performance through post-rebuild testing.

## <u>AG-PST 3.2:</u> Service and repair power transmission systems following manufacturer's guidelines. *Sample Indicators:*

- Describe features, benefits, and applications of various power transmission systems.
- Describe principles of operation of various power transmission systems.
- *Perform calculations involving speed, torque, and power relationships.*
- Describe features, benefits, and applications of mechanical transmission components (e.g., belts, chains, gears, bearings, seals, universals).
- Inspect, analyze, and repair hydrostatic transmissions.
- *Inspect, analyze, and repair differentials and final drives.*
- Inspect, analyze, and repair clutches and brakes.
- *Inspect, analyze, and repair gear-type transmissions including power shift.*
- Inspect, analyze, and repair auxiliary drives.



<u>AG-PST 3.3:</u> Service and repair hydraulic systems by evaluating performance using maintenance manuals.

#### Sample Indicators:

- Describe features, benefits, and applications of types of hydraulic systems.
- Describe physical principles of operation.
- Interpret symbols and schematic drawings.
- *Describe the application and operation of major components.*
- Inspect, analyze, and repair hydraulic components (e.g., pumps, valves).
- Inspect, analyze, and repair fluid conveyance components (e.g., hoses, lines).
- Evaluate system cleanliness.
- *Identify hydraulic fittings and ports.*

<u>AG-PST 3.4:</u> Service and repair steering, suspension, traction, and vehicle performance systems by checking performance parameters.

### Sample Indicators:

- Evaluate traction, ballasting, and weight transfer.
- Evaluate vehicle stability.
- Determine optimum vehicle performance, e.g., horsepower management, fuel efficiency.
- *Troubleshoot, adjust, and repair suspension systems.*
- *Inspect and repair steering systems.*

## <u>AG-PST 3.5:</u> Execute the safe and proper use of construction/fabrication hand tools in the workplace. *Sample Indicators:*

- Demonstrate proper use of measurement and layout tools.
- Apply proper use of measurement and layout tools in construction/fabrication of an actual project.
- Demonstrate safe and proper techniques in using hand and power tools in construction/fabrication.
- Demonstrate hand and power tool usage to construct/fabricate an actual project according to blueprints or plans.
- *Identify and demonstrate proper hand and power tool maintenance procedures.*

#### AG-PST 3.6: Service electrical systems by troubleshooting from schematics.

- Describe features and applications of electrical systems.
- Interpret symbols and wiring diagrams.
- Test and troubleshoot electrical systems and components (e.g., battery, charging, starting, lighting, instrumentation, accessories).
- Troubleshoot and install instrumentation and data acquisition system (e.g., Global Positioning System (GPS), spraying, planting, harvesting monitors).
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### 4. Plan, build and maintain AFNR structures.

### AG-PST 4.1: Create sketches and plans of agricultural structures.

Sample Indicators:

- *Use current technology to develop simple plans and sketches.*
- *Identify symbols and drawing techniques used to develop simple plans and sketches.*
- Use scale measurement and dimension to develop simple plans and sketches.

## AG-PST 4.2: Apply structural plans, specifications, and building codes.

Sample Indicators:

- *Identify components of an architectural drawing.*
- Complete appropriate local permit applications.
- Follow applicable structural codes.

## AG-PST 4.3: Determine requirements and estimate costs for construction materials and procedures.

Sample Indicators:

- *Identify criteria for materials based on use or application of structure.*
- Prepare request for construction bid.
- Prepare a project cost estimate.

## AG-PST 4.4: Follow architectural and mechanical plans to construct AFNR structures.

- Construct metal structures using welding fabrication processes.
- *Install glass, ridged panels, and/or film plastics.*
- Construct with concrete, brick, stone or masonry.
- Insulate a structure.
- Construct wood or metal building frames.
- Install pipes and plumbing equipment and fixtures.
- *Install electrical wiring and fixtures.*
- Paint or protect with coatings.



5. Use control, monitoring, geospatial, and other technologies in AFNR power, structural, and technical systems.

<u>AG-PST 5.1:</u> Execute procedures and techniques for monitoring and controlling electrical systems using basic principles of electricity.

Sample Indicators:

- Show proficiency in use of various meters.
- Discuss importance of and techniques for grounding.
- Show understanding of codes and regulations.
- Discuss various energy sources.

AG-PST 5.2 Design control systems by referencing electrical drawings.

Sample Indicators:

- Develop and read schematic drawings for a control system.
- Identify and describe uses of various components of control systems (i.e., transistors, relays, HVAC, logic controllers).
- Discuss the importance of maintenance schedules.

#### AG-PST 5.3 Use geospatial technologies in AFNR applications.

- Describe principles of global positioning, Geographical Information Systems (GIS), and remote sensing.
- List examples of geospatial technology applications in AFNR.
- *Install and test geospatial technologies in AFNR applications.*