**2021 Alumni Survey:**   
**Department of Horticultural Science**

As a graduate of the Department of Horticultural Science, your opinions are very important in our

programming and planning efforts. We appreciate your taking the time to answer a few questions specifically related to your experiences in your major.

HS1a **1a. Below is a list of goals for Horticultural Science undergraduates to achieve upon graduation. First, rate *how important each goal is in your current professional position*, including graduate studies.**

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|  | Very important (5) | Important (4) | Moderately important (3) | Of limited importance (2) | Not important (1) | Not applicable (8) |
| 1. Overall knowledge of Horticultural Science (1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2. Depth of knowledge in area of specialization (2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. Ability to think critically and make decisions based on evidence (3) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4. Ability to communicate complex horticultural concepts clearly (4) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5. Overall appreciation and understanding of ecological and environmental issues relating to major (5) |  |  |  |  |  |  |

HS1b **1b. For the same list of goals for Horticultural Science undergraduates to achieve upon graduation, rate *how well you were prepared in your area of study at NC State*.**

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|  | Excellent preparation (5) | Good preparation (4) | Average preparation (3) | Fair preparation (2) | Poor preparation (1) | Not applicable (8) |
| 1. Overall knowledge of Horticultural Science (1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2. Depth of knowledge in area of specialization (2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. Ability to think critically and make decisions based on evidence (3) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4. Ability to communicate complex horticultural concepts clearly (4) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5. Overall appreciation and understanding of ecological and environmental issues relating to major (5) |  |  |  |  |  |  |

HS2 **2. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.**

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|  | Agree  (5) | Tend to agree  (4) | Neither agree nor disagree  (3) | Tend to disagree  (2) | Disagree (1) | No opinion (9) |
| 1. My undergraduate education in Horticultural Science adequately prepared me for a career in the horticulture industry (1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2. My undergraduate education in Horticultural Science provided me sufficient opportunities to gain hands-on experience that I use in my career (2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. My undergraduate education in Horticultural Science provided me sufficient internship opportunities (3) |  |  |  |  |  |  |

HS3 **3. As you think back on the courses you took in Horticultural Science, are there one or two that really stand out as having made a difference for you? If so, what were they and why?**

HS4 **4. Please describe any courses you think should be added for Horticultural Science students. Explain why.**

HS5 **5. Please list any courses you were required to take that you think should not be required. Explain why.**

HS6 **6. What do you think were the greatest strengths of the major?**

HS7 **7. What do you think were the greatest weaknesses of the major?**

HS8 **8. Were you involved in any extra-curricular activities in Horticultural Sciences? If so, please list and explain why these activities were impactful.**