

NC State University

2015 Alumni Survey

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences: Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics Insert

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Questions

CALSintro1 The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences is very interested in your opinions, and believes that as an alumnus/alumna you can provide us with useful information to help us evaluate and improve our college. We appreciate you taking the time to answer these questions. To answer a question, click on the bubble for the answer you are choosing. Once you have answered all the questions, you must click on the SUBMIT button at the end of the form to submit your answers.

CALS1 Did you participate in undergraduate research with NC State faculty?

- ☐ Yes (1)
- ☐ No (0)

If "No" Is Selected, Then Skip To CALS4

CALS2 The research I conducted for college credit was under:

- ☐ CALS Honors Program (1)
- ☐ CALS Honors/University Scholars Program (2)
- ☐ Departmental On/Off Campus Learning Experience (3)
- ☐ Departmental Special Topics (4)

CALS3 My research experience enabled me to focus on a career, gain employment, or become admitted to post-baccalaureate educational programs.

- ☐ Agree (5)
- ☐ Tend to agree (4)
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree (3)
- ☐ Tend to disagree (2)
- ☐ Disagree (1)
- ☐ No opinion (0)

CALS4 Did you participate in an internship?

- ☐ Yes (1)
- ☐ No (0)

CALS5 How would you assess the technical preparation provided by your program?

- ☐ Excellent preparation (5)
- ☐ Good preparation (4)
- ☐ Average preparation (3)
- ☐ Fair preparation (2)
- ☐ Poor preparation (1)

Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics Questions

AREintro1 As a graduate of the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, 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.

ARE1 Below is a list of knowledge and skills associated with your profession. In the first column, rate how important each area is in your current professional position. In the second column, rate how well you were prepared in your area of study at NC State.

	IMPORTANCE TO YOU CURRENTLY (a)					
	Very important (5)	Important (4)	Moderately important (3)	Of limited Importance (2)	Not important (1)	Not applicable (8)
Understanding economic concepts and terminology (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Understanding business concepts and terminology (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ability to analyze and evaluate economic or business issues (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ability to solve real-world economic or business problems (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ability to explain economic or business concepts to other people (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ability to communicate verbally in work-related situations (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ability to communicate in writing in work-related situations (7)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Knowledge of agricultural or life science concepts and terminology (8)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Knowledge of environmentally related economic issues and concepts (9)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Knowledge of international economic or business issues and concepts (10)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Knowledge of professional/career opportunities in your area of study (11)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	LEVEL OF PREPARATION (b)					
	Excellent preparation (5)	Good preparation (4)	Average preparation (3)	Fair preparation (2)	Poor preparation (1)	Not applicable (8)
Understanding economic concepts and terminology (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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ARE2 How satisfied are you with the education you received in your major?

- ☐ Highly satisfied (5)
- ☐ Satisfied (4)
- ☐ Neutral (3)
- ☐ Dissatisfied (2)
- ☐ Highly dissatisfied (1)

ARE3 How much did you participate in club activities outside the classroom?

- ☐ Highly involved (3)
- ☐ Somewhat involved (2)
- ☐ Not involved (1)

If "Not involved" Is Selected, Then Skip To ARE5

ARE4 How important was your involvement in club activities to your current professional position?

- ☐ Very important (5)
- ☐ Important (4)
- ☐ Moderately important (3)
- ☐ Of limited importance (2)
- ☐ Not important (1)
- ☐ Not applicable (8)

ARE5 Did you participate in an internship as an undergraduate?

- ☐ Yes (1)
- ☐ No (0)

ARE6 Please categorize your current employment (choose one category only).

- ☐ Sales (1)
- ☐ Marketing (2)
- ☐ Production management (3)
- ☐ Financial management (4)
- ☐ Research (5)
- ☐ Advertising (6)
- ☐ Teaching (7)
- ☐ Student/Graduate student (8)
- ☐ Not currently employed (9)

ARE7 How many different companies or agencies have you worked for since graduation?

- ☐ None - have not been employed (0)
- ☐ One (1)
- ☐ Two (2)
- ☐ Three (3)
- ☐ Four or more (4)

Answer If ARE6 – “Not currently employed” Is Not Selected

ARE8 How many positions have you held within your present agency of employment?

- ☐ One (1)
- ☐ Two (2)
- ☐ Three (3)
- ☐ Four or more (4)

ARE9 Please indicate your major and also minor if obtained.

Major (1)

Minor (2)

ARE10 What courses or experiences are the most relevant and useful in your current professional position?

ARE11 What courses or experiences are the least relevant and useful in your current professional position?

ARE12 What do you think were the two greatest strengths of your major?

ARE13 What do you think were the two greatest weaknesses of your major?

ARE14 What kinds of information, experiences, or courses would have increased your preparation for and competence in your current position?