Would you make a good **Ag or Food Technician**?

**What Ag & Food Technicians Do**

Agricultural and Food Technicians assist agricultural and food scientists by measuring and analyzing the quality of food and agricultural products, as well as to help improve the efficiency and safety of agricultural products. Agricultural and food technicians work in laboratories, processing plants, farms and ranches, greenhouses, and offices.

**Education**

Associate’s degree in biology, chemistry, crop or animal science, or a related field. Some positions require candidates to have a Bachelor’s degree, and others a high school diploma or equivalent plus related work experience.

**Skill Builders:**

- PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS
- ANALYTICAL SKILLS
- COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS
- TIME MANAGEMENT SKILLS
- COMPUTER SKILLS
- OBSERVATION SKILLS

**Job Outlook**

Employment of agricultural and food science technicians is projected to grow 6 percent through 2026. Agricultural and food science technicians will be needed to assist scientists as research into agricultural and food production methods and techniques continues to grow.

**Expected Salary Range**

$27,000– $64,000

(median pay $42,000)

**Get a Head Start...with these classes in middle and high school:**

- **SCIENCE**
- **CHEMISTRY**
- **MATHEMATICS**
- **BIOLOGY**
- **PHYSICS**
- **STATISTICS**

**Career Opportunities:**

The following industries employ Agricultural and Food Technicians:

Agricultural and Food Technician, Biological Technician, Chemical Technician, Conservation Technician, Environmental Technician.

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