Would you make a good Agronomist?

What Agronomists Do

An Agronomist is an expert in the science of soil management and crop production. Agronomists experiment and plan studies to improve crop yields, and discern best ways to plant, harvest and cultivate plants regardless of climate or pests. Agronomists use math and analytical skills to produce the finest crops on the most consistent basis. They can also find new uses for plants such as fibers, biofuels, or feed for animals.

Education

Educational requirements vary by location, but the typical agronomist job requires a Bachelor’s degree, Master’s degree or Ph.D. from an accredited agricultural college.

EXPECTED SALARY RANGE

$38,000 - $112,000

(median pay $69,000)

Skill Builders:
PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS
ANALYTICAL SKILLS
MATH SKILLS
COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS
COMPUTER SKILLS
OBSERVATION SKILLS

Job Outlook

Employment of agronomists is expected to grow 5 to 15 percent through 2026. Agronomists and crop scientists have a positive career outlook due to the continuous need for the food crops they help develop. Field Scientist is a position offered at Corteva.

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

• EARTH SCIENCE
• BIOLOGY
• CHEMISTRY
• MATHEMATICS
• ECONOMICS
• COMMUNICATIONS

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

With an education as an Agronomist you could also be a:
Agriculture Consultant, Crop Specialist, Field Scientist, Sales Representative.


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