

Fact Sheet: Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences



**AGRICULTURE
& LIFE SCIENCES**
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY



College Overview

When the first students enrolled at Texas A&M University to study agriculture, it was a brand new academic field. Today, after more than a century of discovery and innovation, agriculture and the life sciences are still part of the bedrock of Texas A&M — but they are also very much a part of its future.

From long-established majors such as agronomy and animal science, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences has expanded to 14 academic departments and nearly 100 degree programs. Our students will find a clear focus on science, technology, engineering, and



math (STEM) courses to prepare them for a career in a job market that is searching for qualified graduates. Our diverse and supportive faculty members and advisors bring each student into the Aggie family, with respect for all. As one of the nation's largest colleges of agriculture and life sciences, with nearly 8,000 students, we offer outstanding academics. At the same time, Texas A&M is proud of its recognition as one of the nation's best values in a college education.

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences offers high-impact learning, taking students far beyond the classroom to abundant research and outreach opportunities, distance learning, internships in state and federal government, and study abroad opportunities worldwide. And through the Norman Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture, our students can help respond to world economic and humanitarian challenges while broadening their college experience.

QUICK FACTS:

Established:
1911

Number of students:
7,876

Number of degree programs:
31 Undergraduate
37 Master's
24 Doctoral
6 Online Graduate

Number of academic departments:
14

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

ONE COLLEGE. FIVE GRAND CHALLENGES.



DEPARTMENTS

The College is made up of 14 academic departments:

- Agricultural Economics
- Agricultural Leadership, Education, & Communications
- Animal Science
- Biochemistry & Biophysics
- Biological & Agricultural Engineering
- Ecosystem Science and Management
- Entomology
- Horticultural Sciences
- Nutrition & Food Science
- Plant Pathology & Microbiology
- Poultry Science
- Recreation, Park & Tourism Sciences
- Soil and Crop Sciences
- Wildlife & Fisheries Sciences

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Improving Our Health



From recreation and weight control to designing fruits and vegetables with more phytonutrients for cancer prevention to using the latest biotechnology advancements to search for new drugs, the College is dedicated to improving health.

Feeding Our World



Growing populations, decreasing natural resources, and increasing environmental challenges present us with opportunities to find the most efficient and healthful ways to provide food for all, both domestically and globally.

Growing Our Economy



Producing more, selling more, adding value, and increasing the safety and security of what we trade are all ways the College is growing our economy.

Protecting Our Environment



The College is committed to environmental sustainability and restoring the health of our ecosystems.

Enriching Our Youth



We prepare students to be leaders in solving the world's problems.

VICE CHANCELLOR AND DEAN



Dr. Mark Hussey was appointed Vice Chancellor and Dean for Agriculture and Life Sciences in December 2008. As vice chancellor, Dr. Hussey provides leadership and oversight for The Texas A&M University System's agricultural agencies as well as serves as dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University.

Dr. Hussey is a native of southern Illinois, where he received a bachelor of science degree in biology from the University of Illinois. He continued his education at Texas A&M University, where he received a master of science degree and a doctorate in plant breeding.

Before his appointment as vice chancellor and dean, Dr. Hussey served as the director of Texas A&M AgriLife Research. From 1983 to 1985, Dr. Hussey was an assistant professor at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Weslaco, where he conducted forage breeding and management research. He joined the faculty of the Department of Soil and Crop Sciences at Texas A&M University as an assistant professor in 1985 and was promoted to professor in 1997. In 2001, Dr. Hussey became professor and head of the Department of Soil and Crop Sciences, a position he held until 2005. Dr. Hussey was named associate director of programs for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (now Texas A&M AgriLife Research) in April 2005.

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