

Agricultural Economics

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Recommended Prerequisites: Algebra I and suggest concurrent with Algebra II or Geometry, or permission of the instructor.

Recommended Credit: 1

Recommended Grade Level: 11th, 12th

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Examine the role of the individual in a free enterprise system.

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Examine the role of government in a free enterprise and mixed market systems.

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Learning Expectations and Performance Indicators:

- 1.1 Interpret terminology and concepts related to agricultural business and economic systems.
- 1.2 Differentiate among the basic economic systems; evaluate and illustrate each.
- 1.3 Research and analyze the basic economic questions that every society must answer to meet its goals.
- 1.4 Examine why scarcity faces people at all times and interpret the relationship between trade-offs and opportunity costs.

Standard 2.0

Interpret the role of an agricultural business in a free enterprise system.

Learning Expectations and Performance Indicators:

- 2.1 Specify and explain terminology relating to the major features of agricultural businesses in the free enterprise system.
- 2.2 Compare and contrast the differences between the types of agricultural business organizations.
- 2.3 Examine the function and impact of regulations in the U.S economy.
- 2.4 Interpret and appraise the concept of buying and selling stock.
- 2.5 Differentiate the factors of competition in a free enterprise system and describe how those factors affect the everyday function of a business.
- 2.6 Organize and construct the phases of the divisions of labor and productivity.
- 2.7 Employ the basic characteristics of marketing an agricultural product in the free enterprise system.
- 2.8 Differentiate and assess the five factors of production.
- 2.9 Illustrate and evaluate the supply and demand curve and the effect of supply and demand on prices in the free enterprise system.
- 2.10 Test the elasticity or inelasticity of agricultural products.
- 2.11 Appraise the function and impact of unions in different industries within the economy.

Standard 3.0

Examine the role of the individual in a free enterprise system.

Learning Expectations and Performance Indicators:

- 3.1 Illustrate terms and considerations related to decision making as a consumer.
- 3.2 Formulate a budget for managing income.
- 3.3 Evaluate and propose methods of consumer saving.
- 3.4 Compare different methods of consumer credit.
- 3.5 Appraise the most common forms of consumer insurance.

Standard 4.0

Examine the role of government in a free enterprise and mixed market systems.

Learning Expectations and Performance Indicators:

- 4.1 Uses terminology relating the major roles of government in the free enterprise system.
- 4.2 Analyze the relationship between the federal deficit and the national debt and how they are affected by the sources of national income and international trade.
- 4.3 Compare taxes in the U.S. economy.
- 4.4 Examine the allocation of national income as part of the government's role in the free enterprise system.
- 4.5 Illustrate and measure the impact of inflation and recession.
- 4.6 Construct and analyze the different components of the Federal Reserve System.
- 4.7 Demonstrate the major functions of fiscal policy.
- 4.8 Identify three monetary policy tools used by the Federal Reserve System.

Standard 5.0

Examine international practices and their impact on agriculture.

Learning Expectations and Performance Indicators:

- 5.1 Explain terms and concepts relating to international economics.
- 5.2 Analyze the impact of world trade and relate it to the U. S. free enterprise system.
- 5.3 Evaluate and debate the benefits of agricultural international trade compared to domestic trade.
- 5.4 Calculate the financial impact of tariffs on the United States economy.
- 5.5 Examine and evaluate different forms of foreign aid and their rationale.

Standard 6.0

Examine careers in agricultural economics.

Learning Expectations and Performance Indicators:

- 6.1 Inspect and evaluates career opportunities for agriculture and economics related careers.
- 6.2 Appraise the employment outlook for agriculture and economics related careers.
- 6.3 Research and prepare a written report on career opportunities in the area of agricultural economics.

Standard 7.0

Identify market structures and forms of competition found in the U.S. economy.

Learning Expectations and Performance Indicators:

- 7.1 Cite markets that have many buyers and many sellers.
- 7.2 Analyze characteristics of monopolistic competition.
- 7.3 Assess U.S. industries that illustrate the oligopoly market structure.
- 7.4 Differentiate perfect monopolies, natural monopolies, and near or virtual monopolies.

Standard 8.0

Demonstrate human relations, self-management, organizational, and professional leadership skills.

Learning Expectations and Performance Indicators:

- 8.1 Research, analyze, and compose the characteristics of a leader.
- 8.2 Apply effective image building and public relations techniques.
- 8.3 Calculate production costs for agricultural production, using fixed and variable costs.
- 8.4 Evaluate supervised agriculture experience projects (SAEP) related to agribusiness.
- 8.5 Develop public relations and citizenship skills necessary to be productive in agribusiness careers.
- 8.6 Demonstrate public speaking abilities through oral presentations and participating in career development events.
- 8.7 Demonstrate proper parliamentary procedure skills through group activities.
- 8.8 Graph supply and demand lines for agricultural commodities.