

# TOP AGRICULTURAL CAREERS IN

## AG LAW & POLICY

AgCareers.com developed career profiles for high demand jobs in the agricultural industry. These career profiles are a helpful resource for students and job seekers to explore new roles in the industry, as well as for career educators.

### Advisor - Government/Stakeholder Relations

#### JOB OVERVIEW

Provide insight and guidance to elected officials on agricultural issues they may not be as familiar with; also provide voice for stakeholders

Assist in the development of political policies relating to ag

Serve as the "expert" on agricultural topics to your superior or organization

Conduct research on topics relevant to policies being developed

#### JOB OUTLOOK



#### EDUCATION NEEDED

Bachelor's or Master's in ag economics, political science, finance, business or public administration

#### RECOMMENDED H.S. COURSES

Ag education, writing, business and computer courses, economics, government

#### TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

Companies (policy advisors), non-profits, or in the political realm (representatives and senators)

### Ag Lawyer

#### JOB OVERVIEW

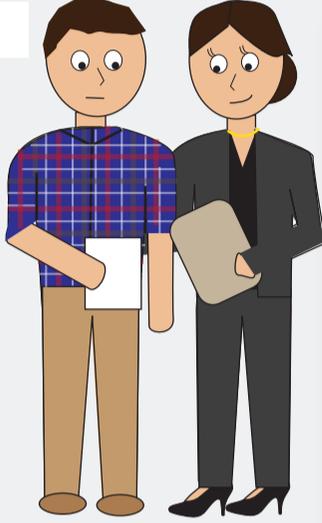
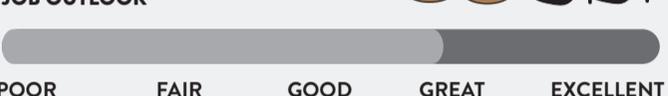
Assist farmers in succession planning, zoning, land use cases, and eminent domain issues

Help agricultural entities set up corporations, proprietorships, and partnerships

Give general legal counsel to individuals, companies, or organizations

Provide guidance in regulatory compliance as well as environmental legislation

#### JOB OUTLOOK



#### EDUCATION NEEDED

Bachelor's degree, a good score on the LSAT exam, a Juris Doctorate, and passing the bar exam of the state you wish to practice in

#### RECOMMENDED H.S. COURSES

Ag education, English, social sciences, public speaking, debate

#### TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

May work independently or hired by an organization or company

### Ag Legal Assistant

#### JOB OVERVIEW

Provide support to supervising lawyers

Draft contracts & other legal documents to submit to a lawyer for review

Perform legal research that will help support arguments in the court setting or legal briefs

Assist in real estate closings, contract writing, filing articles of incorporation & partnership agreements

#### JOB OUTLOOK



#### EDUCATION NEEDED

Bachelor's degree in a related field or a paralegal associate's degree

#### RECOMMENDED H.S. COURSES

Ag education, English, computer courses

#### TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

May work with an independent lawyer or may be hired by an organization or company

### Ag Lobbyist

#### JOB OVERVIEW

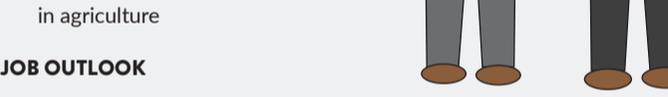
Ensure government officials hear the voices and positions of companies, organizations, industries, and even communities

Research legislation or regulatory protocols; remain abreast of developments and governmental issues

Attend various pertinent legislative hearings

Educate & inform officials on issues in agriculture

#### JOB OUTLOOK



#### EDUCATION NEEDED

Typically at least a Bachelor's degree in political science, law, ag economics, journalism

#### RECOMMENDED H.S. COURSES

Ag education, English, social sciences, debate, public speaking

#### TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

Organizations, commodity groups, checkoff programs hire agricultural lobbyists; may work on national, state or local level

### Agricultural Legislative Assistant

#### JOB OVERVIEW

Serve as an agricultural policy expert for local, state, or federally elected or appointed officials

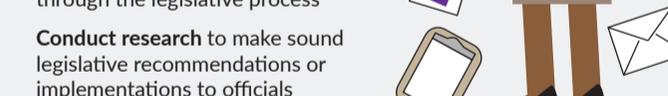
Assist in maintaining various aspects of the officials' agriculture portfolio

Garner support for new bills

Track advancement of related bills through the legislative process

Conduct research to make sound legislative recommendations or implementations to officials

#### JOB OUTLOOK



#### EDUCATION NEEDED

At least a Bachelor's degree in an ag field, political science, law, journalism, or public relations

#### RECOMMENDED H.S. COURSES

Ag education, civics, economics, business

#### TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

Local, state, or federal elected or appointed officials within a congressional or administrative office

### Animal Welfare Auditor/Specialist

#### JOB OVERVIEW

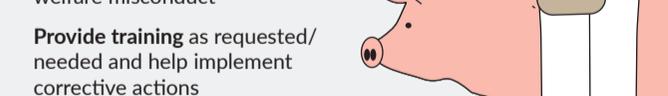
Perform animal handling/welfare audits and food safety audits on farms, animal production facilities, and animal processing facilities

Properly report & record animal welfare misconduct

Provide training as requested/ needed and help implement corrective actions

Participate in animal care investigations as designated

#### JOB OUTLOOK



#### EDUCATION NEEDED

Bachelor's or Master's in animal science or animal welfare

#### RECOMMENDED H.S. COURSES

Ag education, animal science, Spanish, biology, anatomy, mathematics

#### TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

Animal production companies, food & restaurant companies, animal processing facilities, animal welfare organizations & the government

### Patent Scientist/Patent Attorney

#### JOB OVERVIEW

Evaluate patent validity on new products or services from both a legal and scientific perspective

Manage intellectual property matters relating to a company's products or creations

Perform patent assessments and the drafting of patent applications

Provide infringement opinions & help to develop patent strategies

#### JOB OUTLOOK



#### EDUCATION NEEDED

Master's or Doctorate in preferred field; Juris Doctorate also recommended

#### RECOMMENDED H.S. COURSES

Ag education, business and computer courses, mathematics, sciences

#### TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

Large agricultural companies and organizations that continually create new products

PROFESSIONALS IN AG LAW & POLICY CAN EXPECT TO EARN AN AVERAGE OF \$75,700 PER YEAR