

Collecting Agricultural Education Student Data Information for the 2007-08 School Year

The National Council for Agricultural Education has approved this collection tool to be used nationwide.

An Excel Spreadsheet for the collection of local data is being provided to states to be used at the local level.

When is it due?

The local program report is due to the State Agricultural Education office by **May 15, 2008**.

You may send electronically to ag.ed.registration@ag.state.nj.us

Objectives:

1. Provides an overview/picture of the Secondary Agricultural Education enrollment nationally, by state and locally.
2. Will/can be incorporated into an annual report of Agricultural Education at all levels.
3. Identifies agriculture student's career interest nationally, by state and locally.
4. Provides a basis to develop priorities in agricultural education programs and curriculum development.
5. Provides a base-line to examine trends in student enrollment, career interest and retention in agricultural education.

(As the data is compiled in future years, trends etc. can be examined.)

What student information is being requested?

A **non-duplicated count** of students in Agricultural Education by grade level, gender and **career interest/pathway** is being requested.

This is the second year in which we will continue to collect information nationally about agricultural education students.

By completing the document the local agriculture program receives immediate feedback to share with their administration, advisory committees, local boards of education and key stakeholders.

The state report form also provides a more detailed feedback report once the local program data is entered by the state.

How does it local program collect & report the data?

Ideally, following a lesson on careers in agriculture, students would indicate their career interest on the student form (One per student). Local teachers would summarize the local data on the local data summary form. A copy of the local information is forwarded to the state office for summarization. A local program summary report is automatically generated within the spreadsheet once the data is entered.

What about students that are added or programs that have semester or block courses?

Teachers can choose when and how they would like to collect the information students as long as it includes **all agricultural** education students for the current school year.

How does the state collect & report the data?

Local agriculture programs submit the information electronically to the state office.

Steps to completing and submitting local ag education data to state office:

STEP 1: Download program to your computer and save

STEP2: Open data program

STEP 3: Click on tab at bottom of page – Career Pathways Description

STEP 4: Print copy of page

STEP 5: Click on next tab- Agricultural Education Student Career Interest Form

STEP 6: Print copy of form

STEP 7: Pass out a copy of Career Pathways Description and Agricultural Education Student Career Interest Form and have each student indicate their choice of a Career Pathway.

STEP 8: Select next tab button: School Summary Form and total all student responses and place number in appropriate space provided.

Step 9: be sure to save all information about your program to your computer

STEP 10: Send the file to Nancy Trivette at nancy.trivette@ag.state.nj.us