

Additional Information

Utilize the world wide web to search for a detailed description of the various jobs listed and for the experience and skills required for careers in Agriculture.

For additional sources in preparation for Agricultural Careers, research relevant Institutions like Colleges, Universities, etc.

LOCAL & REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS:

- The College of The Bahamas
- Bahamas Agriculture and Marine Science Institute (BAMSI)
- University of The West Indies (UWI)
- The Bahamas Agricultural & Industrial Corporation (BAIC)

About **baic**

The Bahamas Agricultural & Industrial Corporation is a Quasi-government agency that was established through an Act of Parliament in 1981 and became operational in 1982.

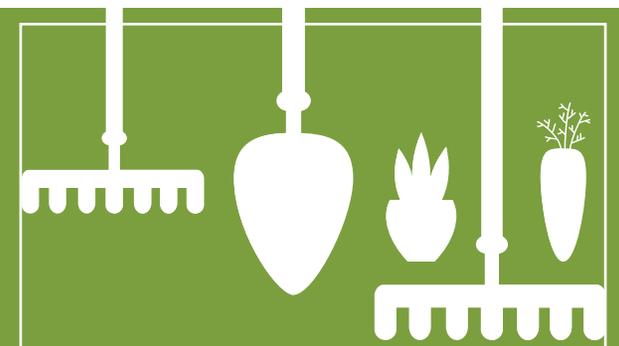
Our vision is to inculcate entrepreneurial spirit among Bahamians in an effort to break the ever present dependency syndrome.

Our mission is to stimulate and encourage the creation, expansion and promotion of small and medium sized businesses,

thereby facilitating employment and import substitution. The principal functions of the Corporation are:

- To stimulate, facilitate and encourage the development of business in The Bahamas, with major emphasis on manufacturing and cottage industries.
- To administer effectively the properties vested in it by the Government.
- To provide technical assistance, advice and guidance to small and medium sized entrepreneurs.

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About Agriculture

Have you ever considered where the food you eat comes from? Or perhaps what are you really eating? Studying Agriculture as a career choice will lead you in the right direction in helping you to answer these questions.

Agriculture was once thought to be about the ancient practice of farming, but in today's world it is now regarded as cutting edge technology. Agriculture is more than what meets the eye. It is a very broad field that will help solve the world's problems in relation to hunger, health issues, and improving the quality of living as well as increasing the quantity of food for our growing population.

Agriculture includes the study of plants, animals, soil, nutrition, weather and so much more and involves lots of research. There are over 30 majors within the field of agriculture and alongside that there are a number of different career opportunities.

With a degree in agriculture you can be a manager of a productive farm, a technician, consultant, scientist, animal breeder, crop production technician, health and regulatory inspector, soil conservationist, and aquaculturist, just to name a few of the careers.

Careers In Agriculture

- Food Processing Technician
- Botanical Gardens Manager
- Greenhouse Manager
- Biological Scientist
- Extension Officer
- Horticulturist
- Application Programmer
- Forester
- Botanist
- Fish / Farm Manager
- Fish & Game Warden
- Interior Plants Landscaper
- Inventor
- Arborist
- Agricultural Scientist
- Pest Management Technician
- Marine Biologist
- Nursery / Orchard Manager
- Plant Geneticist

This list is inconclusive but represents a wide range of skills a person seeking employment in the field of Agriculture can apply for.

REQUIREMENTS

- B.Sc., M.Sc., Ph.D.
- Certifications

PREFERRED DEGREES:

- Biology
- Oceanography
- Aquaculture
- Marine Biology
- Environmental Science
- Biochemistry
- Engineering
- Or any science related degree

In The Bahamas, agriculture is not exploited the way it ought to be. The influx of tourists and the increasing population demand on food products continues to rise, yet farms decrease. Solidifying the interests of young Bahamians is vital in the expansion and evolution of the agriculture industry. This will open doors for not only farmers, but much needed food processing facilities that produce value added products.

As biotechnology improves, hard labor decreases in agriculture. Now is the most crucial and challenging time for young Bahamians than ever before as they must find new ways of utilizing the resources, some which are limited, and discovering alternatives. Without the innovation and hard work of our youth, progression to food security will remain stagnant.

In choosing agriculture as a career path you will be part of the solution in helping The Bahamas to feed itself.

