



Ag-Career Competition for Students

The agriculture industry is big business - in fact it's one of the industries that comprise the backbone of Canada's economy - and many studies have shown that the ag-sector is experiencing a labour shortage that is only expected to worsen in the next few years. So what does that mean for the average Ontario high-school student? Simply put: opportunity!

There are more jobs in the agriculture industry than ever before. Gone are the days when agriculture meant just muddy boots, tractors, and crops! We want to make Ontario students aware that there are ag-careers to suit almost any skill set, academic path, or personality type.

Partnering with Canada's Outdoor Farm Show ([COFS](#)) and [AgCareers.com](#), this year AgScape will introduce students to the diversity of the agriculture industry and the wide variety of careers that are available to them through a new Careers Competition.

The Career Competition is hands-on, interactive, and fun - in addition to being practical! This competition will highlight the innovations, technologies and career opportunities in the agri-food sector. High school students will be introduced to the technical and employ-ability skills needed in various ag-careers by visiting various stations.

Each station - sponsored by a company in the ag-industry - will highlight a career pathway in the agri-food sector (e.g. business, plant science, mechanics, etc.). Students will have the opportunity to interact with people who are employed in the agri-food sector and will complete an activity which highlights a skill or task used in a specific career. Students will be judged on how they complete the activity and how they exhibit employ-ability skills with all participants receiving a 'swag bag'.

AgScape's Career Competition will take place at COFS on Wednesday and Thursday, September 14 and 15 at the [AgCareers.com/OAC/AgScape](#) booth. For more information or to register your students for the Career Competition, please email info@agscape.ca

This program is based on New Zealand's Young Farmers '[Get Ahead Day](#)'.

[Read more](#) about the Career Competition.