

# AGRICULTURAL AND APPLIED ECONOMICS

The Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics (AAE) at the University of Wisconsin–Madison was founded in 1909 and was the first department of agricultural economics in the United States. The department offers two undergraduate programs—Agricultural and Applied Economics (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/agricultural-life-sciences/agricultural-applied-economics/agricultural-applied-economics-bs/>) and Agricultural Business Management (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/agricultural-life-sciences/agricultural-applied-economics/agricultural-business-management-bs/>). Both majors will give students a strong base in economics and how it is applied to real-world situations. The teaching and research in AAE focuses on the areas of development economics, environmental economics, and managerial economics.

The department also offers two certificates to undergraduate students enrolled at the University of Wisconsin–Madison: the Certificate in Business Management for Agricultural and Life Sciences (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/agricultural-life-sciences/agricultural-applied-economics/business-management-agricultural-life-sciences-certificate/>) and the Certificate in Development Economics (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/agricultural-life-sciences/agricultural-applied-economics/development-economics-certificate/>).

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- Agricultural Business Management, BS (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/agricultural-life-sciences/agricultural-applied-economics/agricultural-business-management-bs/>)
- Business Management for Agricultural and Life Sciences, Certificate (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/agricultural-life-sciences/agricultural-applied-economics/business-management-agricultural-life-sciences-certificate/>)
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## RESOURCES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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The Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics offers a number of scholarships to students declared in both of our majors, Agricultural & Applied Economics (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/agricultural-life-sciences/agricultural-applied-economics/agricultural-applied-economics-bs/>) and Agricultural Business Management (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/agricultural-life-sciences/agricultural-business-management-bs/>).

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### RESOURCES

There are a number of student organizations of interest to students in our majors. For more information, please visit the CALS Student Organization (<https://cals.wisc.edu/academics/undergraduate-students/outside-the-classroom/student-organizations/#association-of-women-in-agriculture>) website.