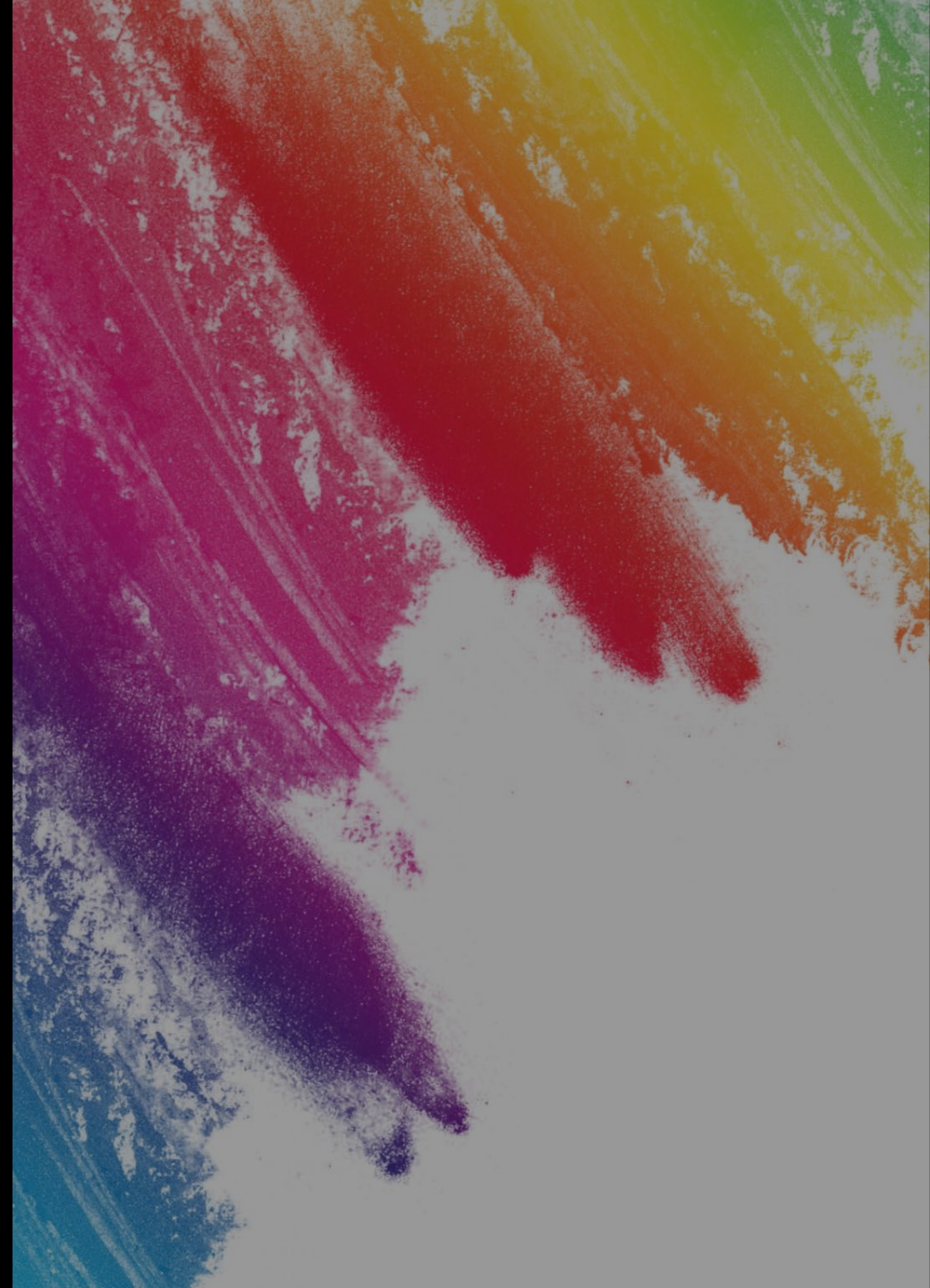


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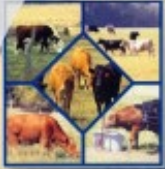
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WHAT IS AGRICULTURE?

- According to National Geographic, Agriculture is the art and science of cultivating the soil, growing crops and raising livestock. It includes the preparation of plant and animal products for people to use and their distribution to markets.

Areas of Agriculture

- Agribusiness
- Agricultural education
- Agricultural law and policy
- Animal science
- Aquaculture
- Biotechnology
- Communications
- Food science
- Forestry
- Horticulture
- Marketing
- Natural resources management
- Plant science
- Soil science

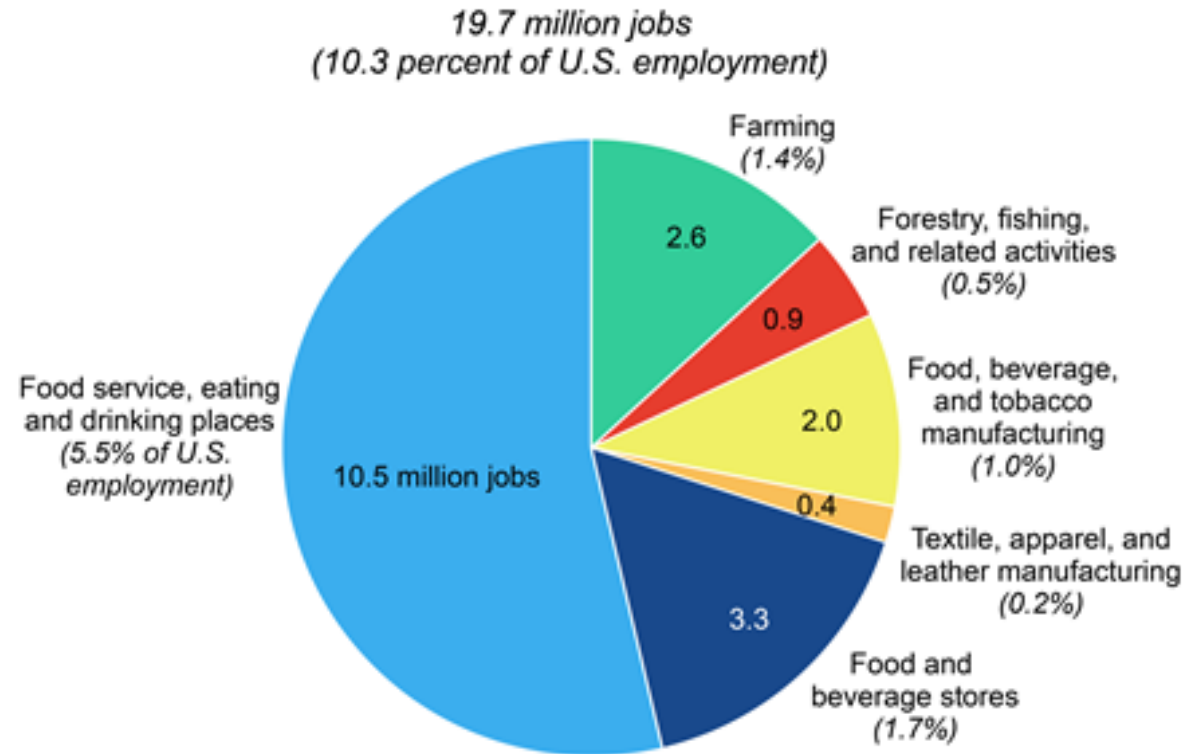


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EMPLOYMENT IN AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND RELATED INDUSTRIES

Employment* in agriculture, food, and related industries, 2020



*Full- and part-time jobs. Categories may not sum to total because of rounding.
Source: USDA, Economic Research Service using data from U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, data as of September 23, 2021.

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WHAT IS AGRICULTURAL LAW?

- Agricultural law refers to law that deals with agricultural infrastructure. Put another way, agricultural law pertains to agricultural production, marketing, and distribution. Agricultural law is intended to ensure the efficient production and distribution of foods and fibers. Since the industry is so broad in scope, the law and regulations in this area of law are extremely complex. Agricultural laws often overlap with other laws, such as labor laws, environmental laws, commercial laws, and more.
- Agricultural lawyers provide services to a variety of clients in the agricultural industry, including chemical suppliers, agricultural equipment manufacturers and distributors, farm owners (such as hogs, commercial trees, or poultry), meat, fruit, and vegetable producers, agricultural finance institutions, and agribusinesses. An agribusiness is one that involves producers or manufacturers of agricultural goods and services, such as fertilizer and farm equipment makers, food and fiber processors, wholesalers, transporters, and retail food and fiber outlets.

WHAT DOES AN AGRICULTURAL LAWYER DO?

- Assist farmers in succession planning in order to help preserve farms for future generations
- Assist in zoning, land use cases and eminent domain issues
- Obtain licenses and permits that agricultural entities may need in order to operate, such as setting up corporations, proprietorships, and partnerships
- Be a source of information to those in the agricultural industry on labor and employment laws
- Provide guidance in regulatory compliance
- Understand environmental legislation vs. landowner rights
- Assist in the implementation of federal farm policies as they apply within the state
- Provide assistance in preventing fraud and deception in packaging and labeling of products
- Give general legal counsel to individuals, companies or organizations
- Identify and carry out opportunities to help protect farms from urban sprawl and activists
- Develop a detailed knowledge of issues affecting agriculture
- Build relationships with local farmers, extension staff and scientists
- Work collaboratively with peers and external organizations

WHO HIRES AGRICULTURAL LAWYERS

