

**Department of Agricultural Education, Communications and 4-H Youth Development
Agricultural Education Graduate Program**

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Executive Summary (full report available upon request)

Background

Beginning with the spring 2003 semester, the GRE was required for admission to the Master of Science graduate program in Agricultural Education. The GRE was added as a requirement in an attempt to assess the writing ability of graduate students entering the program. In October of 2002, the GRE analytic portion of the test was replaced with an analytical writing component. It is hoped that adding GRE scores to the admission criteria will enable faculty to make informed decisions on the ability of prospective Master of Science students. Table 1 reflects data gathered on applicants and those admitted to the three graduate programs.

Table 1. Graduate students accepted into program in 2002-03

Graduate Admissions	MAg	MS	PhD
Number of applicants	17	11	10
Number accepted	15	11	8
Undergraduate GPA of accepted	3.09	3.18	3.78
Verbal GRE – mean		438	460
Verbal GRE – range		360-510	340-580
Quantitative GRE - mean		532	519
Quantitative GRE - range		390-630	360-770
Writing GRE - mean		4.25	5.00
Writing GRE - range		3.5 – 5.0	4.5 – 5.5

Table 2 shows the number of students in each program as well as their enrollment status. At least one graduate course in Agricultural Education is offered via distance each semester. Also, at least one course each semester is offered in late afternoon or early evening to accommodate part-time students. Student numbers in Table 1 are not included in Table 2.

Table 2. Graduate student status for 2002-03

Graduate Student Status	MAg	MS	PhD
Full-time	11	11	5
Part-time	11	7	6

Table 3 shows the number of students completing graduate degrees last year in Agricultural Education.

Table 3. Graduate degrees awarded for 2002-2003

Graduate Degrees	MAg	MS	PhD
Summer 2002	0	4	1
Fall 2003	3	2	0
Spring 2003	4	3	1

Placement

In addition to collecting data on our own graduates, we participated in the 2001 OSU Survey of Alumni of Graduate Programs. Placement data for this academic year's graduates are included in Table 4. Four graduates are still seeking employment.

Table 4. Placement Data for 2002-03 graduates

Employer	Job Title
Canel-Winchester Public Schools, Canel, OH	Agricultural Education Instructor
Stillwater Public Schools, Stillwater, OK	Agricultural Education Instructor
Woodward Public Schools, Woodward, OK	Agricultural Education Instructor
Leedey Public Schools, Leedey, OK	Superintendent
Belle Public Schools, Belle, MO	Agricultural Education Instructor
Pioneer Technology Center, Ponca City, OK	Career Tech Instructor
OSU Cooperative Extension, Cleveland, Co.	Community Development Educator
University. of Missouri	Doctoral Student in Ag Ed
OSU Cooperative Extension, Canadian Co.	Program Assistant
Virginia Tech University	Instructor
OSU Alumni Officer	Coordinator Information Services
OSU Plant Science	Doctoral Student in Plant Science
Self employed	Realtor

Student Research and Publications

Sixteen papers and four posters were presented by Agricultural Education graduate students last academic year. Students participated in the OSU Graduate College Research Symposium, Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists Meeting, Southern Region Agricultural Education Research Conference, Western Region Agricultural Education Conference, and the National for Agricultural Education Research Conference.

Master of Science students [REDACTED] (summer 2002) and [REDACTED] (spring 2003) were awarded the OSU Graduate College Social Science Research Award.