

California Seed Association Fact Sheet Series



Background

Today's seed industry is a high-tech, science-based field. Small businesses, universities, major corporations and government agencies each offer career opportunities for people with wide ranging interests.

With nearly 22 million jobs in the United States, career opportunities in this industry are spread throughout the country. Of these jobs, almost half are in the area of management and business, and another 25% are focused on science and engineering. Tremendous advances in seed innovations and technologies have increased opportunities within this sector and it is estimated that 52,000 job openings are available to new graduates each year.

A wide variety of careers, including positions that bridge or encompass multiple departments, exist within the industry. With the worldwide need for seeds, global opportunities are widely available. A few examples of careers within the seed industry are:

- *Management & Business* - Market research, Advertising, Administration, Finance, Sales, Human resources, Product management, Policy
- *Science & Engineering* - Plant breeder, Researcher, Pathologist, Food engineer, Entomologist, Nanotechnologist, Environmental scientist
- *Agriculture & Production* - Greenhouse manager, Grower, Seed producer, Viticulturist, Plant operator, Agronomist, Maintenance technician
- *Education, Communication & Service* - Food inspector, Agricultural science reporter, Teacher, Public relations, Naturalist, Conservation officer

Seeds impact our lives every day, from the food we eat and clothes we wear, to the fuel that lets us get around. If you are concerned about issues of world hunger, nutritious food, global warming or habitat preservation, consider one of the many seed careers.

More Information

First the Seed Foundation (<http://www.firsttheseedfoundation.org>)

California Seed Association (<http://calseed.org>)

SeedQuest (<http://www.seedquest.com>)

AgCareers (<http://agcareers.com>)

Seed Biotechnology Center (<http://sbc.ucdavis.edu>)

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