

AgriFutures

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You want to stay true to your rural roots and play an important role in feeding Canadians when you're done high school. You know that farming practices are changing and that you'll need post secondary education to prepare you for the challenges of tomorrow's agricultural practices and management.

Yes, you can get a lot of the hands-on education you need by working on a farm. But



according to a study from Colorado State University, a formal education will equip you with "the skill and knowledge required for cohesive thought and critical problem solving." In other words, education gives you the tools you need to "respond to changing market structure and consumer demand in a dynamic way."

There is a wide array of options when it comes to choosing the post-secondary school and program that is right for you. If you're not sure which area of agriculture you want to focus on, it can be helpful to take a general program. You can always narrow the focus of your education to one or two specialties after you figure out what really interests you. If you already know which area of agriculture is your calling, then your challenge is to find the program that caters to your needs.

To help you narrow your search, the Canadian Agricultural Human Resource Council has a website called agritalent.ca (<http://agritalent.ca>), a national, online database of agricultural training programs. The database contains more than 1,000 programs and courses provided by more than 200 institutions and training providers.

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"Agritalent.ca is a unique and comprehensive tool designed specifically for producers, farm managers, and those working or interested in the agricultural sector," says Christine Mercier, acting executive director of Canadian Agricultural Human Resource Council. "It is easy to browse and can help you find learning opportunities that are available in your region or online."

Visitors to the site can browse programs and courses either through a step-by-step advanced search or a quick search by subject of training, farm commodity, training provider or key word. From animal and crop production to succession planning and financial management, you are sure to find something that meets your needs. Search results include contact information and the number of programs offered at any one institution or association. **



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