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POSITION SUMMARY

With a commitment to the principles of equity and inclusive excellence, Colorado State University (CSU) and the College of Agricultural Sciences (CAS) invite nominations and applications for the position of Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences.

As a national leader in agriculture higher education, CSU seeks a visionary and transformational leader who will represent CSU as a flagship university in agriculture innovation and who will enhance and strengthen the College's commitment to global excellence in agricultural research, education, extension, outreach and engagement. As part of its Land Grant University heritage, it is expected that the Dean, in collaboration with the College faculty, will develop the connections and vision to strengthen the College and University's reputation as a national and international leader in areas related to food safety, food security, wellness and economic prosperity through the sustainable use of natural resources. The Dean will provide leadership for building and enhancing strategic partnerships and collaborations with units across campus and multiple key external stakeholders.

As the chief advocate and spokesperson for the College, both on campus and with external partners and stakeholders, the Dean will exemplify and model the University's commitment to access, equity, and inclusion; articulate, champion and communicate the strategic vision and key priorities of the College of Agricultural Sciences; emphasize, nurture and foster the diverse and multi-faceted contributions of all faculty, staff, and students; and engage with both value-added agriculture enterprises as well as traditional agriculture production groups. The Dean's Office is the focal point of connecting University expertise and research with application to the agriculture industry.

The Dean serves as chief academic and executive officer of the College, overseeing responsibility for faculty and academic professional staff development, budgetary oversight and planning, academic and curricular issues, constituent engagement, fundraising, and facilities development, and is personally and professionally committed to diversity and inclusion. The Dean is responsible for an annual appropriated base budget allocation in 2023-24 of \$12.5 million for resident instruction (including differential tuition), \$11.7 million for the Agricultural Experiment Station, and \$2.2 million for Extension and Outreach. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, faculty research efforts for the College generated grant and contract resources of nearly \$30 million, and other self-funded activities produced \$16.2 million, \$8.5 million in gifts, \$1.7 million in online tuition (college share) and \$1.7 million from indirect cost recoveries. The annualized, total combined financial portfolio for CAS/AES is over \$87 million.

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ABOUT THE COLLEGE

As Colorado's land-grant institution, Colorado State University is home to the College of Agricultural Sciences and the Colorado Agricultural Experiment Station (AES). On campus in Fort Collins, and at 11 research centers around the state, CAS and AES partner with communities and industry to meet global challenges in food safety, food security, wellness and economic prosperity through the sustainable use of natural resources.

The college consists of five academic departments – Agricultural Biology, Agricultural and Resource Economics, Animal Sciences, Horticulture and Landscape Architecture, and Soil and Crop Sciences – with 62 sustainability-focused academic programs hosted on campus and online. In its early years, the Colorado Agricultural College prepared young people to improve production of crops and livestock on their family farms through courses like horticulture and animal husbandry. Today, our students come to CSU from many different backgrounds, and they often come to agriculture with a common interest — making the world a better place where plants, animals, people and the natural world meet.

At the College of Agricultural Sciences, unique perspectives are welcomed and celebrated. Anyone is welcome to take a seat at the table to learn, grow, discover, and make a positive impact on the world together.

Our Mission: In the context of a changing climate, we meet global challenges in food safety, food security, wellness and economic prosperity through the sustainable use of natural resources. We excel in our 21st century land-grant mission by integrating intentional discovery, inclusive learning and collaborative engagement.

Our Vision: Revolutionizing how we nurture people and our planet.

Our Purpose: Together, we promise future generations a vibrant agriculture, a healthy environment and thriving communities.

Our Values: Actions manifest our essence. With CSU's Principles of Community as a guide, we serve with excellence, intention, rigor, optimism, empathy, creativity and wisdom.

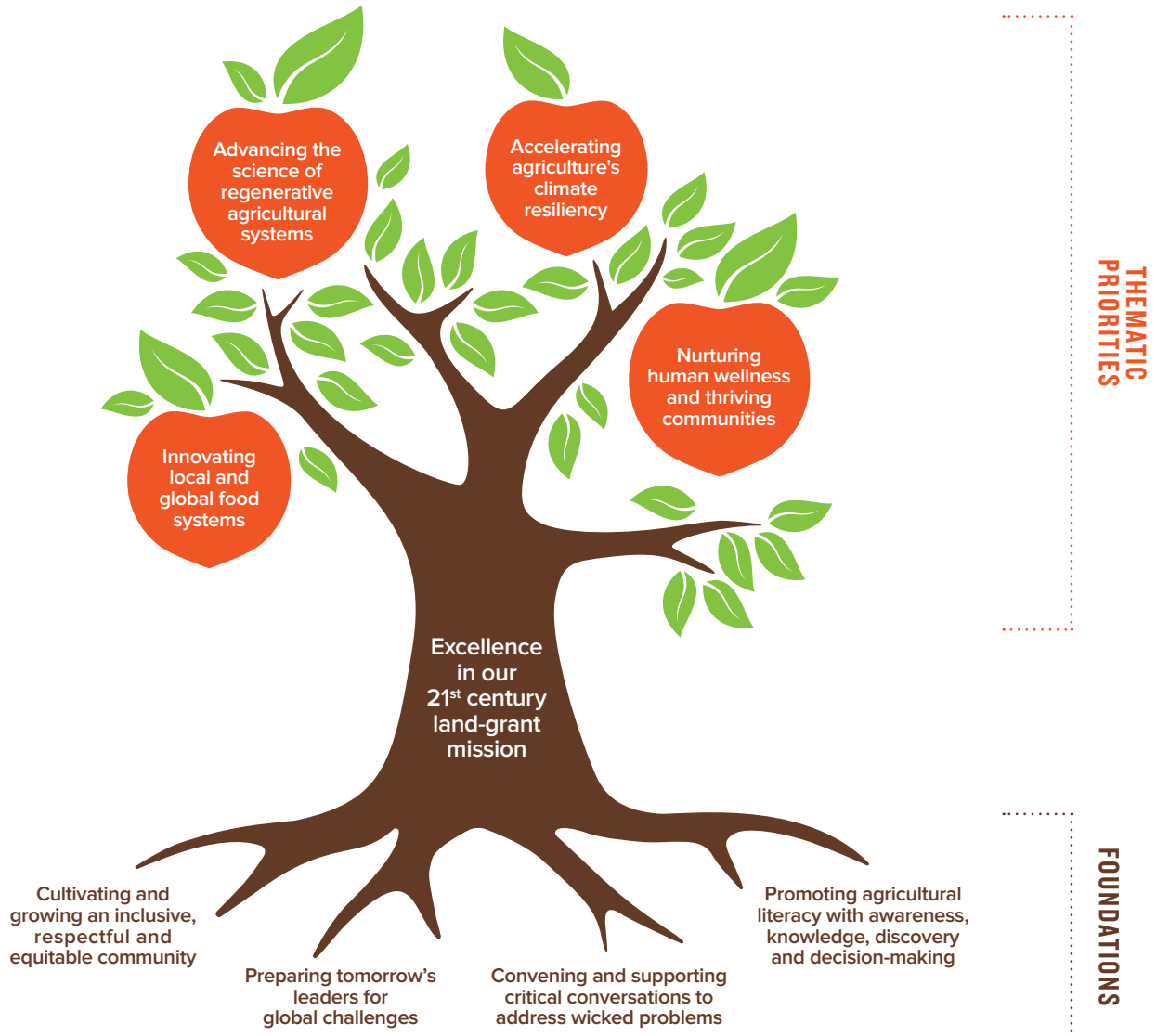


LEARN MORE AT [AGSCI.COLOSTATE.EDU](https://agsci.colostate.edu)



OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Our work builds on a proud tradition of innovation in agricultural sciences at CSU. Guided by our shared vision, we are mobilizing around and investing in eight strategic focus areas for leadership and impact – regionally, nationally and globally.



OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Our Thematic Priorities

Innovating local and global food systems: We are modernizing the safety, quality, sustainability, efficiency and effectiveness of food systems to achieve healthy communities, economies and individuals. We utilize cutting edge research, education and community engagement to advance science, inform policy and improve access to nutritious food in Colorado and worldwide.

Advancing the science of regenerative agricultural systems: We are a leader in applying a rigorous scientific framework to the analysis, development and implementation of diverse regenerative agricultural systems. We adopt a collaborative community driven approach to help increase the availability of affordable, fresh, nutritious food while restoring the health of our communities, soils, water and air.

Accelerating agriculture's climate resiliency: We empower and accelerate breakthrough discovery in the adaptation of plants, animals and ecosystems through an unprecedented convergence of disciplines and integration of basic and applied research. We cultivate critical partnerships and provide world-class facilities that will spur talent development and inspire groundbreaking innovation.

Nurturing human wellness and thriving communities: We foster resilient communities by nurturing the health and well-being of humans, animals, plants and the environment through the experience of agriculture, landscape and natural resources. We improve the societal well-being of people and communities by creating and sharing tools and information aimed to solve economic, managerial, educational and policy-related problems within agri-food and resource systems.



Our Foundations

Cultivating and growing an inclusive, respectful and equitable community: We are committed to inclusive excellence in which all perspectives are welcomed, valued and affirmed. We encourage our team and our stakeholders to "Come to the Table" with their passion and pursuit of excellence to cultivate a diverse community that co-creates knowledge to address key agricultural challenges.

Convening and supporting critical conversations to address wicked problems: We are a trusted and responsive partner in addressing the public interest with high quality research, teaching and service. We actively embrace difficult conversations and encourage respectful debate. We facilitate and support informed policy discussion at the epicenter of agriculture, natural resource and human systems.

Promoting agricultural literacy with awareness, knowledge, discovery and decision-making: We share knowledge and build community to promote greater public understanding and trust in agriculture. We advocate for transparency, providing unbiased information to support sound judgment by producers, consumers and policymakers

Preparing tomorrow's leaders for global challenges: We are committed to preparing successful leaders, innovators, and global citizens by developing the professional skills, technical expertise and cultural competencies needed to advance the college and agricultural community in Colorado and beyond.



ABOUT THE AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

The Colorado Agricultural Experiment Station (AES) supports research across seven colleges at Colorado State University and 11 research centers across the state, in fulfillment of CSU's land-grant mission.

- We draw on diverse scientific disciplines to address real-world problems of food and agriculture, the environment, human wellness and community well-being.
- We provide hands-on educational experiences for undergraduate and graduate students that are deeply connected to our scientific discovery and active stakeholder engagement.
- We learn from and engage with the breadth of Colorado's agriculture industry to co-create solutions with local and global impact.



1. AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION CENTER (ARDEC)

Fort Collins, CO | Elevation: 5,152'

2. ARKANSAS VALLEY RESEARCH CENTER

Rocky Ford, CO | Elevation: 4,178'

3. EASTERN COLORADO RESEARCH CENTER

Akron, CO | Elevation: 4,300'

4. PLAINSMAN RESEARCH CENTER

Walsh, CO | Elevation: 3,974'

5. PLANT GROWTH FACILITIES

Fort Collins, CO | Elevation: 5,152'

6. SAN LUIS VALLEY RESEARCH CENTER

Center, CO | Elevation: 7,768'

7. SOUTHWESTERN COLORADO RESEARCH CENTER

Yellow Jacket, CO | Elevation: 6,950'

8. METROPOLITAN RESEARCH CENTER (MARC)

Denver, CO | Elevation: 5,280'

Western Colorado Research Center Network:

9. GRAND VALLEY RESEARCH CENTER

Fruita, CO | Elevation: 4,600'

10. ORCHARD MESA RESEARCH CENTER

Grand Junction, CO | Elevation: 4,470'

11. ORGANIC RESEARCH CENTER AT ROGERS MESA

Hotchkiss, CO | Elevation: 5,800'



ABOUT THE AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

The pillars of our work:



DIVERSE AGRICULTURAL SYSTEMS:

Colorado's agriculture is adapted to its diverse climate, spanning farms, orchards, ranches, and feedlots that yield varied crops and livestock. We co-create scientific knowledge to boost profitability, resource sustainability, and the welfare of consumers and communities.



CULTIVATING COLORADO COMMODITIES:

Our research creates sustainable products for the state's diverse biogeography, aiding livestock and crop producers economically. We tackle environmental challenges and market demands while ensuring resilience and viability.



PARTNERS IN PROSPERITY:

Agriculture fuels Colorado's economy, weaving through communities and shaping traditions, while also inspiring innovation. Colorado State University's scientists collaborate closely with rural and urban stakeholders to co-create solutions, fostering thriving agriculture and communities.



COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS:

CSU convenes diverse stakeholders and conversations around critical issues and provides Coloradans with accessible, research-based information. We are highly engaged in providing scientific information to help inform public policy and decision-making.

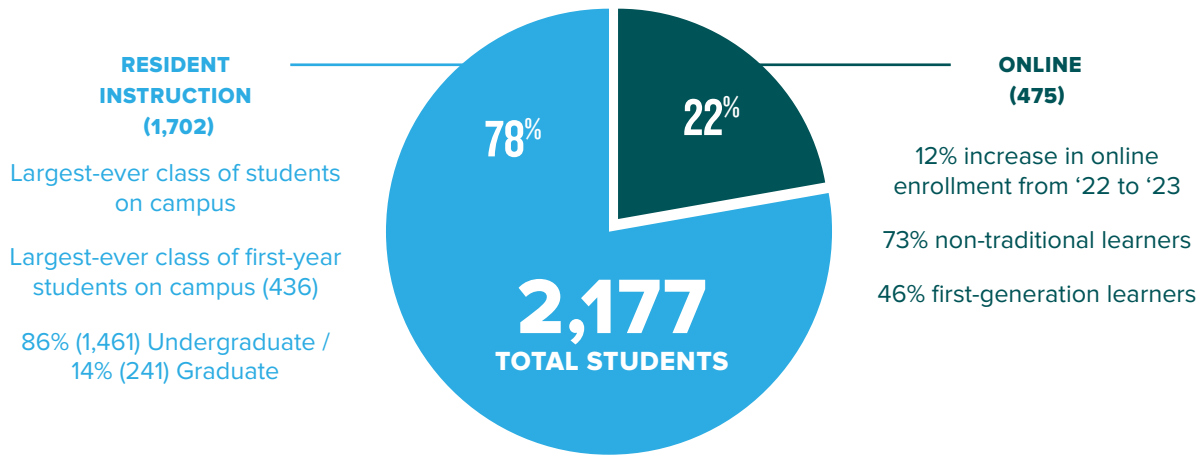




INCLUSIVE LEARNING

Lived experience is the best teacher. We empower learners and citizens to serve and succeed. Our curriculum is deeply connected to our scientific discovery and active stakeholder engagement. We challenge our students to grow, while surrounding them with support. We prioritize hands-on learning to catalyze student motivation, while building confidence and competency in critical thinking, decision making and communication.

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS AND ENROLLMENT – FALL 2023

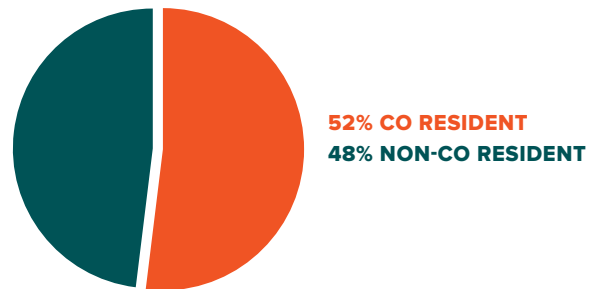
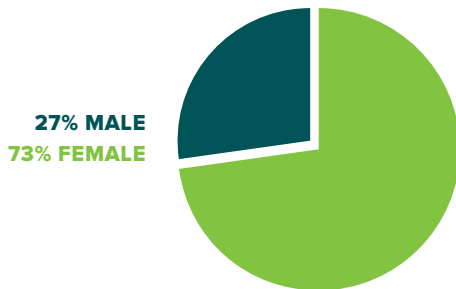


UNDERGRADUATE RI STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

28%
FIRST IN THEIR FAMILY TO ATTEND COLLEGE

27%
IDENTIFY AS RACIALLY MINORITIZED

22%
PELL GRANT ELIGIBLE



INCLUSIVE LEARNING

Innovative Curriculum

We are developing programs that prepare students with the technical skills that will allow them to serve industry and meet critical workforce needs.



LIVESTOCK BUSINESS MANAGEMENT UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR

A new interdisciplinary degree in Livestock Business Management prepares the next generation of skilled professionals to lead one of Colorado's most important industries. The program combines engaged industry experiences, hands-on learning, and curriculum from agricultural business and animal sciences.



AG DATA SCIENCE UNDERGRADUATE MINOR

This minor — available Fall 2024 — will train students to provide data-informed technical advice on trends related to crop or animal production, essential skills for future leaders to reduce the impact of global climate change, improve ecosystem resiliency, and ensure food safety and security.



COME TO THE TABLE LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE

A Come to the Table leadership certificate will help prepare the next generation of agricultural leaders in communication, advocacy, teamwork and networking.



ONLINE PEST MANAGEMENT M.S. DEGREE

The only internship-based M.S. in the United States that provides training on all biotic stresses faced in food production, including entomology, plant pathology, and weed science. Students receive advanced training online to prepare to work in fields experiencing growing industry demand.



INNOVATIVE AND ACCESSIBLE HORTICULTURE PROGRAMS

CSU's horticulture program is the largest in the country. With online offerings for undergraduate and graduate students — including a fast-growing online M.S. in Horticulture and Human Health an online undergraduate major — the Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture delivers accessible education to learners from diverse backgrounds.



Experiential Learning and Research

The college offers a wide range of experiential learning and research opportunities at the undergraduate and graduate level, connecting theories and knowledge learned in the classroom to real-world situations – a practice proven to grow student engagement, improve academic outcomes and enhance work and life skills.



AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION CENTER

ARDEC was founded in 1993 to support cooperative research and engagement on soil, crop and water resources as a facility offering integrated teaching and research under shared management. Today, it's a fully operational research and teaching farm just north of Fort Collins, offering opportunities for students to work directly with crops and livestock and gain hands-on experience in laboratory, technology, and teaching spaces.



EQUINE SCIENCES PROGRAM FACILITIES

Our Equine Sciences program facilities are housed on approximately 80 acres on the CSU Foothills Campus. Our facilities include three barns, two indoor arenas, an outdoor arena, multiple indoor stalls and outdoor pens. In the spring of 2021 we opened our doors to the new state-of-the-art Temple Grandin Equine Center, which houses our extensive Equine Assisted Services programming, research and advanced coursework.



ANNUAL FLOWER TRIAL GARDENS AND HORTICULTURE CENTER

The outdoor display and test areas at the Annual Flower Trial Garden allow students, researchers, industry representatives, homeowners and extension personnel to learn, teach and evaluate through horticultural research and demonstration projects. The CSU Horticulture Center features a headhouse/greenhouse facility near the Gardens on Spring Creek, a community botanic garden, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Sugar Beet Research Unit.



ENTOMOLOGY EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

Students get hands-on experience learning about, researching, engaging with, and communicating the importance of arthropods through the on-campus C.P. Gillette Museum. By volunteering with the traveling Bug Zoo outreach program, students introduce K-12 students to 30+ species of arachnids, insects and other arthropods.



Academic Programs

AGRICULTURAL BIOLOGY

UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

Agricultural Biology

Entomology

Plant Pathology

Weed Science

UNDERGRADUATE MINORS

Entomology

Plant Health

CERTIFICATES

Weed Science (in development)*

GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

M.S. Bioagricultural Sciences

M.S. Bioagricultural Sciences, Entomology Specialization,
Plan A

M.S. Bioagricultural Sciences, Plant Pathology Specialization,
Plan A

M.S. Bioagricultural Sciences, Weed Science Specialization,
Plan A

M.S. Bioagricultural Sciences, Pest Management, Plan B*

Ph.D. Bioagricultural Sciences

Ph.D. Bioagricultural Sciences, Entomology Specialization

Ph.D. Bioagricultural Sciences, Plant Pathology Specialization

Ph.D. Bioagricultural Sciences, Weed Science Specialization

AGRICULTURAL AND RESOURCE ECONOMICS

UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

Agricultural Business*

Agricultural Economics

Farm and Ranch Management

Food Systems

Agricultural Education

Teacher Development

Agricultural Literacy

Environmental and Natural Resource Economics*

Livestock Business Management^

UNDERGRADUATE MINORS

Agricultural Business*

Agricultural Literacy

Environmental and Natural Resource Economics

Food Industry Management^

CERTIFICATES

Teaching in Extension

GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

M.A.F.I.M. Agribusiness and Food Innovation Management ^{Sp}

M.Ext.Ed. Extension Education*

M.S. Agricultural and Resource Economics, Plan A

M.S. Agricultural and Resource Economics, Plan B

M.S. Agricultural and Resource Economics, Plan C

Ph.D. Agricultural and Resource Economics

ANIMAL SCIENCES

UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

Animal Science

Equine Science

Livestock Business Management^

GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

M.S. Animal Sciences, Plan A

Ph.D. Animal Sciences

HORTICULTURE AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

Environmental Horticulture

Landscape Design and Contracting

Nursery and Landscape Management

Turf Management

Horticulture*

Controlled Environment Horticulture

Horticultural Business Management

Horticultural Food Crops

Horticultural Science

Landscape Architecture

UNDERGRADUATE MINORS

Environmental Horticulture

Horticulture*

Organic Agriculture^

CERTIFICATES

Horticulture and Human Health

Urban Agriculture

GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

M.S. Horticulture, Plan A

M.S. Horticulture, Plan B

M.S. Horticulture, Horticulture and Human Health
Specialization, Plan B*

Ph.D. Horticulture

SOIL AND CROP SCIENCES

UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

Soil and Crop Sciences

Plant Biotechnology

Soil Science and Environmental Solutions

Sustainable Agricultural Management

UNDERGRADUATE MINORS

Organic Agriculture^

Soil Restoration and Conservation

Soil Science

GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

M.S. Soil and Crop Sciences, Plan A

M.S. Soil and Crop Sciences, Plan B

Ph.D. in Soil and Crop Sciences

*Available online ^Interdisciplinary program ^{Sp}Spur Campus



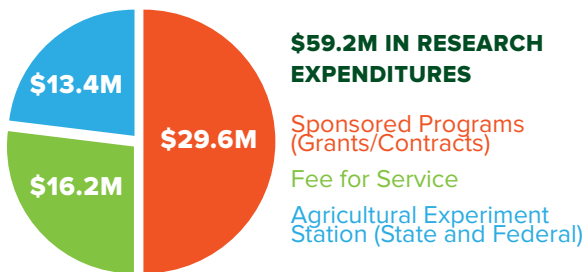


INTENTIONAL DISCOVERY

Agriculture is a fulcrum for discovery of principles and practice. We draw on diverse scientific disciplines and perspectives to solve real-world problems of agriculture, the environment and community well-being. We practice innovation by spanning boundaries, challenging convention and viewing obstacles as opportunities. We achieve lasting impact through collaboration and mentoring the next generation of industry leaders and scientists.

The research and engaged scholarship of CAS and the AES are catalyzing change in science and Colorado communities for global impact. A few recent highlights include:

- Interdisciplinary researchers led the development of a **USDA-funded National Climate Change Roadmap** to serve as a framework for future investments in climate science research.
- CSU is positioning itself as **a national leader in agrivoltaics** – combining solar photovoltaic-based renewable energy generation with agricultural production – by leveraging interdisciplinary expertise, industry partnerships, and Colorado’s ideal climactic conditions. At the innovative Spur campus, researchers are implementing **cutting-edge approaches to urban agriculture**, including controlled environment horticulture and green roof systems.
- The interdisciplinary **Colorado State Microbiome Innovation Collaborative (CoSMIC)**, co-directed by Jessica Metcalf and Kelly Wrighton, received an inaugural designation as one of three Thematic Units of Excellence (TUNE) from CSU’s Office of the Vice President for Research. Their work focuses on understanding the agricultural microbiome through biological experimentation, informatics, and decision science across systems.
- Carrying on the work and legacy of CSU Professor Temple Grandin, a group of animal scientists, led by animal welfare expert Lily Edwards-Callaway, is **improving animal and human health** by investigating end-of-life decision making for dairy cows.
- Agricultural chemist Jessica Prenni is contributing to the **Periodic Table of Food**, a global effort to catalog the bimolecular composition of the world’s food supply.
- AgNext, led by Kim Stackhouse-Lawson, is growing an interdisciplinary team of world-class talent to innovate scalable solutions that **advance the sustainability and resiliency of society’s most complicated food system**: animal agriculture.



\$59.2M IN RESEARCH EXPENDITURES

Sponsored Programs (Grants/Contracts)

Fee for Service

Agricultural Experiment Station (State and Federal)

272

AWARDS TOTALING

\$39.6M

81.8% Proposal Yield Rate

AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

\$15.7M

OVERALL BUDGET

93 USDA-NIFA Hatch Projects





COLLABORATIVE ENGAGEMENT

Engaged scholarship is our promise and way of being. We learn from and actively engage diverse stakeholders across a continuum of shared experiences that spans conversation to co-creation. We apply science with collective wisdom for the betterment of society, ask important questions, and value all voices.

The College of Agricultural Sciences receives \$2.1M in funding from CSU Extension annually and devotes significant energy to engaging collaboratively with stakeholders and communities around Colorado.

CSU SPUR

The CSU Spur Campus at Denver's National Western Center brings together research, teaching and engagement activities from the three campuses of the CSU System in a modern-day approach to the university's land-grant mission. The public-facing campus celebrates the proud tradition of Colorado agriculture while inspiring innovation with global impact. **CAS and AES host 14 diverse research, demonstration and education programs at Spur** to promote agricultural literacy and lifelong learning, foster agribusiness entrepreneurship, enhance the health and well-being of individuals and communities, and advance the sustainability of urban and rural food systems.



WAYS WE ARE PARTNERING TO CO-CREATE SOLUTIONS –

Ada Szczepaniec is leading the **Colorado Center for Sustainable Pest Management** in addressing complex local challenges with integrated pest management solutions.

The **Integrated Rocky Mountain-region Innovation Center for Healthy Soils program (IN-RICHES)** is supporting producers and advancing conversations around soil health in the West.

Dawn Thilmany heads up a \$30 million **USDA-funded Regional Food Business Center** whose goal is creating access to the food system and new markets across the West by providing technical assistance and capacity building services.

The **Center for Meat Safety and Quality**, led by Monfort Chair Keith Belk, is focused on addressing national and global food safety and quality issues to ensure that consumers worldwide have access to a dependable supply of safe, high quality and affordable food products.

In the semi-arid Mountain West, water is our most precious resource -- and a complex management challenge. At the Western Colorado Research Center, Perry Cabot is leading efforts to support **efficient and sustainable water use in agricultural systems**.



PARTNERSHIPS OF IMPACT

The College of Agricultural Sciences has cultivated a variety of strategic partnerships to advance key priorities, develop a diverse, highly skilled workforce and co-create solutions to agriculture's greatest challenges.

\$19M

in private support raised in 2023

+\$1.5M

increase in funds raised since 2022

Nutrien

Nutrien's \$10M commitment – the largest in the College of Agricultural Sciences' history – elevates CSU as a leader in developing a diverse, highly skilled agricultural workforce. The gift supports the Nutrien Distinguished Scholars program, student scholarships, undergraduate research fellowships, and events like the Nutrien Ag Day BBQ. Named in honor of the partnership, the Nutrien Agricultural Sciences Building is home to impactful programs and people supported by the gift.



JBS

JBS is a valued collaborator on research initiatives, and hands-on learning opportunities, internship and post-graduate employment for students. The on-campus JBS Global Food Innovation Center in Honor of Gary & Kay Smith visibly recognizes this strategic partnership and includes a complete livestock and meat processing center, including Temple Grandin-designed livestock handling and harvesting areas, a research and development center and sensory analysis room, a lecture hall and meat demonstration classroom, and a retail meat and dairy retail store.

CoBank and the Colorado FFA Foundation

The CoBank Center for Agricultural Education at the Agricultural Research, Development and Education Center is a premier teaching facility designed to prepare future instructors and FFA advisors for a successful career in teaching secondary agricultural education. CoBank is a long-standing partner in the agriculture and resource economics sector providing strategic industry insight, research and educational support, and career pathways for students and graduates. The CoBank Center, a project spearheaded by the Colorado FFA Foundation, also serves as a hub for College and industry partners to convene, hosting over 100 groups per year.

Morgridge Family Foundation

The Morgridge Learning Lab at CSU Spur – home to CAM's Ag Academy and other educational programs – is a 1450-square-foot teaching lab space, designed to host a variety of hands-on, problem-based learning activities for 6th-12th grade students. Support from the Morgridge Family Foundation will also establish an urban/rural connectivity portal at CSU Spur for connecting people across the state to learn and collaborate to solve problems in real time, integrate its sustainable food systems and hunger relief research within the regional landscape of key actors and impacts, and support Ag Pathway Scholars, elevating new agricultural leaders that will impact industry, education, and future generations.



OUR PEOPLE

651

TOTAL EMPLOYEES

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

165 Faculty

222 Staff

193 Graduate Assistants



AG EXPERIMENT STATION

71 Staff

CAS LEADERSHIP TEAM

- Eugene Kelly – Director, Agricultural Experiment Station
- Amy Charkowski – Acting Executive Associate Dean
- Adriane Elliott – Assistant Dean of Advising and Student Success
- Matt Camper – Assistant Dean of Teaching Practice and Academic Programs
- Paula Mills – Chief of Staff and Operations
- Jessi Fuentes – Executive Director of Finance
- Chris Pires – Professor and Head, Department of Soil and Crop Sciences
- Hayley Chouinard – Professor and Head, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics
- Mengmeng Gu – Professor and Head, Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture
- Patrick Doyle – Professor and Head, Department of Animal Sciences
- Noa Román-Muñiz – Professor of Animal Sciences and Interim Head, Department of Agricultural Biology
- Brendan McCrann – Interim Managing Director of Development
- Don Thorn – Rural Engagement Manager
- Tori Anderson – Instructor of Soil and Crop Sciences and Diversity Catalyst Team Representative
- Nathan Clark – Senior Instructor of Agricultural Education and Continuing, Contract, and Adjunct Faculty Representative

AGINDUSTRY LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

A group of industry professionals with diverse expertise and experience who share the vision of building educational programs with global impact. Council members meet biannually to discuss new ideas and programs, secure new funding, promote the college in the agriculture community, and help elevate the College of Agricultural Sciences. See the full list of members online at agsci.colostate.edu/about/agindustry-leadership-council.



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

Colorado State University is one of the nation's top public research universities and an institution on the rise.

CSU is committed to inclusive excellence and to upholding our Principles of Community.

In the last decade, CSU has produced record enrollment, built on all-time highs in student diversity and student success; record fundraising far outpacing ambitious goals; groundbreaking research driven by a highly productive faculty; a campus revitalized by a transformational building campaign; and, perhaps most important, an unrivaled learning environment where nine of 10 recent graduates say they would choose CSU again and rate their education as excellent.

We also are extremely proud that CSU has been recognized repeatedly as being among the most sustainable higher education institutions in the world. In 2023 we earned our fourth consecutive Platinum rating in the Sustainability, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) and we were the first university to earn four and the first-ever institution to receive a Platinum rating.

To learn more, visit about.colostate.edu.

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**TOTAL MAJORS
(HIGHEST IN THE
MOUNTAIN WEST)**

5000+

**STUDENTS
PARTICIPATE IN
UNDERGRADUATE
RESEARCH
EVERY YEAR**

3.72

**AVERAGE GPA FOR
INCOMING 2023-24
CLASS**

98%

**INCREASE IN
INSTITUTIONALLY
FUNDED FINANCIAL
AID DURING THE PAST
10 YEARS**

\$1.2B

**RAISED IN RECENT
CAMPAIGN**

**RECORD
ENROLLMENT**

**OF DIVERSE STUDENTS
IN FALL 2023**

\$1.6B

**INVESTED IN CAMPUS
IMPROVEMENTS**

\$498.1M

**RESEARCH
EXPENDITURES**



FORT COLLINS

Consistently included as one of the best places to live and work in the country, Fort Collins provides the breathtaking backdrop and home to Colorado State University.

Located on the northern end of Colorado's economically vibrant and environmentally beautiful Front Range, FoCo boasts major employers including Hewlett-Packard, Woodward, New Belgium Brewing, and OtterBox, along with parks and trails galore.



Right here in town, you will find hiking, biking, running, rock climbing, kayaking, cross-country skiing, camping and even sledding opportunities. As the home of the Horsetooth Half Marathon, dual Equinox Half Marathons, the new FORTitude 10K, and countless 5K races throughout the year, the city knows how to make fitness fun.

Fort Collins also is a cultural hub for arts and entertainment that includes CSU's world-class performing arts center, the Downtown Creative District, and a burgeoning live music scene bolstered by some of the best music festivals in the country.



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