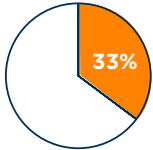


# Career Readiness

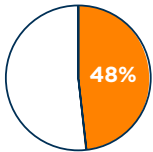
*There are endless career choices. Whatever career we choose to pursue, we need to begin to develop skills that will prepare us for the future.*

**There is a lack of technical and workplace skills in today's workplace. According to the 2015 Manpower Group Talent Shortage Survey,**

## U.S. EMPLOYERS



One in three U.S. employers have a hard time filling positions due to potential employee's talent shortage.



48% of U.S. employers acknowledge that talent shortages have an impact on their business.

Despite this lack of know-how in today's workplace, more youth than ever are graduating high school and pursuing postsecondary education. However, youth are still lacking the critical expertise that will help them succeed in their careers. America has a very real career readiness gap (Career Readiness Framework).

4-H is the nation's largest youth development organization. The 4-H program and its project areas are proven to develop those critical skills needed in today's workplace. This is achieved by allowing youth to Explore, Learn, Practice, and Experience possible careers.

Sources: Manpower Group. (2015). Talent shortage survey. Available from <http://www.manpowergroup.com/wps/wcm/connect/manpowergroup-en/home/thought-leadership/research-insights/talent-shortage-2015>

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# Get Involved with 4-H!

- 1. Identify your area of interest** and match it with a 4-H project area.
- 2. Contact your local Extension office to find a club in your area.**  
[extension.usu.edu/locations](http://extension.usu.edu/locations)
- 3. Learn new skills and have fun!** Invite your friends to participate in 4-H activities!  
[utah4h.org](http://utah4h.org)

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Agricultural Mechanization  
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## 4-H PROJECT AREAS

4-H gives youth an opportunity to explore different career paths, learn and practice new skills, and experience what a career in a related field may be like. This is achieved by allowing youth to participate in a large assortment of project areas and contests. Listed below are some of the project areas and contests that apply to a career in Animal and Dairy Science:

### 4-H Projects

- Livestock Showmanship
  - Beef, Lambs, Goats, Hogs, Dairy
- Livestock Market Class Show
  - Beef, Lambs, Goats, Hogs
- Poultry Production
- Broiler Show
- Turkey Show
- Dairy Production
  - Goat, Bucket Calf, Heifer/Cow Production

### 4-H Contests

- Livestock Judging
- Livestock Bowl
- Ag Demonstrations

Through involvement in these programs youth are able to experience what a career may be like in Animal and Dairy Science. Youth are able to explore the possibilities and learn skills that will benefit their future careers.

## USU PROGRAMS

Utah State offers a great Agricultural Systems Technology program. Students seeking a degree in the Agricultural Systems Technology Department with an emphasis in Agricultural Mechanization will be taking courses in...

- Math
- Accounting
- Food Matters
- Welding
- Economics
- Chemistry
- Soil Science
- Communication
- Ag Structures
- Sales and Marketing
- Environmental Impacts
- Engines and Power Trains
- Farm Equipment
- Electrical Systems

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## CAREERS

An Agricultural Systems Technology degree with an emphasis in Agricultural Mechanization will prepare you for a career as a...

- **Agricultural Equipment Mechanic**
- **Sales Agent**
- **Technical Support Agent**
- **Agricultural Machinery Dealer**

Source: Agricultural System Technology: BS. (n.d.). Retrieved May 24, 2016, from <http://www.usu.edu/degrees/index.cfm?id=84>



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EXPERIENCE