

# Three Year Graduate Survey

## 2013-2014

### **Certifications Held:**

Beef Cattle Artificial Insemination Certificate (8)  
Equine Artificial Insemination Certificate  
Veterinary Technician License  
BQA (2)  
Commercial Aerial Applicator License  
Pesticide Applicator  
Animal Health Care

### **Type of Employment:**

Cooperative -APS  
Cow/Calf Operation (5) -APS & AMS, APS, VTS  
Feedlot Operation -APS  
Farming Operation (2) -APS  
Diversified Operation (4) -APS  
Agriculture Marketing -APS  
Research Technician (3) -APS, APS & AMS  
Equine Facility -APS  
Grooming  
Loan Officer -APS & AMS

### **Primary reason not employed in Ag:**

I work at a Café because closer to my home. Plus get to see husband more. -VTS  
In banking industry, sometimes involved in Ag, plus have cattle. -APS & AMS  
Lack of positions available. -VTS

### **Current Position Title:**

Aerial Applicator -APS  
Manager -APS  
Ag Research Tech II -APS  
Production Technician -APS & AMS  
Self Employed -APS  
Owen/Manager -APS  
Train Horses and Sell Real Estate -APS  
Graduate Research Assistant -APS  
Cook/Waitress -VTS  
Herdsman -APS  
Veterinary Technician -VTS  
Cow Hand -APS  
Personal Banker/Sales -APS & AMS  
Mom -VTS  
AGI department at American Angus Association -VTS

### **Most Beneficial at NCTA:**

1. The contacts that I have made as well as the memories. - APS
2. Hands-on learning, also working and helping with classes. - APS
3. The small classes and teachers know who you are. - APS
4. The hands on classes such as artificial insemination and the range classes where we went outside to look at grasses. -APS
5. Small environment, opportunities to travel to different conferences. Bringing in external people to talk about their positions and experiences. - APS & AMS
6. All the “hands-on” labs and out of class room learning. - APS
7. Classroom time.- APS
8. Agronomy Class- APS
9. Working away from the school. I feel like I learned more working for my boss for 2 years than I learned at NCTA in 3 years. – APS
10. Ag Production, the Vet Tech Program is a joke. They couldn't even get my internship filed in time to graduate in 2010 my diploma says 2011! – VTS, APS&AMS
11. Hands on - APS
12. The feeds and feeding classes, pasture management courses, and record keeping/business classes. APS
13. Small class size and the attention from teachers. APS & AMS
14. Not much needed a better selection of classes that dealt with large animal aspect of things. Not everyone likes small animals or wants to waste their time/money in classes about stuff they will never use in the real world. Give students more class choices/variety!! VTS
15. All of the students that we had. It was awesome to talk about something and then later on in the week actually apply that knowledge. I still remember things that we covered in labs, but not really what was covered in lectures!-VTS
16. The hands on experience. -VTS

### **What needs improvement at NCTA:**

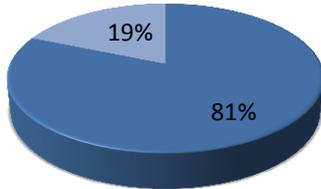
1. When I was there (some of 2009-2011) I thought overall the equine major was a joke. The instructors were uneducated in the areas that I thought were important for a young individual to start a career in the equine world. Since then I have heard that it has gotten better.
2. Offering classes that are required to graduate, if the class is needed for a degree completion be able to offer it. At least every other year. Also look at the universities around so most classes will transfer and be able to go towards a Bachelor's degree in the same area.
3. Student Activities
4. More placement opportunities, career fairs, exploration.
5. More research learning than just “going back home” learning.
6. I wasn't impressed with the facilities professional skills. RA dorm security could have used improvement.
7. Speaking from personal experience, a better effort could be made to contact students about their bill other than email. In my opinion, I feel like my time at NCTA (3 years) could have been better spent elsewhere. The recruiter I spoke to in high school talked the school up very high, but in my expectations were not met. I was one of five kids from my high school class who came to Curtis, and I am the only one who stayed until graduation. The others left and went to different schools. The only reason I stayed, is because I have never quit something I start until I finished. I had planned to go on to a different school after NCTA, but after 3 years of not seeing the things we were promised, I decided against it. To this day, I don't believe I have used anything I learned during my time at NCTA. I've had people ask me how it was in Curtis, and I tell them I can't recommend it. I'm sorry to say that, had I known in high school, what I know now about NCTA, I would not have attended.
8. The faculty needs to care for the students more and if the student gets their work done on time the faculty should file it on time. Also, the vet tech program needs to stick to one classroom agenda. The three years that I

was there each freshman class got taught 3 different things. So when it comes to finals you might not have learned it.

9. More day to day work in the fields of study.
10. I don't know what it is like there now. When I was there the ag marketing class was completely and utterly useless. The carcass eval class was not much better. I enjoyed learning under Dave Smith, Jo Bek, and Krystle Friesian.
11. Better prep for the real world, not just classroom experience.
12. I think the vet tech program needs more large animal classes for those of us who want to go into a mixed/large animal practice.
13. There need to be more preparation for the boards.

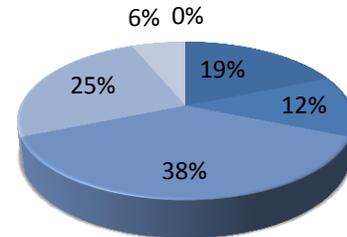
## Employed in Agriculture

Yes (13) No (3)



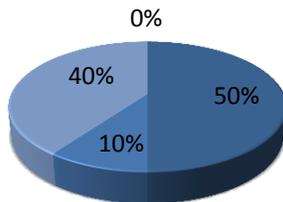
## How NCTA Prepared You

N/A (0) Poor (3) Fair (2)  
Good (6) Very Good (4) Excellent (1)



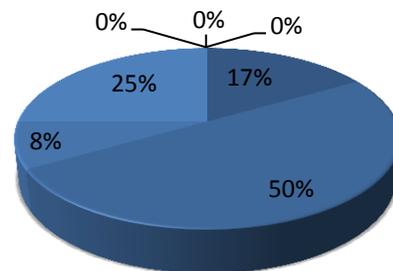
## Member of Professional Organizations

State (5) Regional (1)  
National (4) International (0)



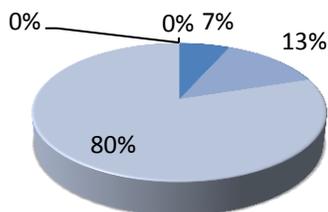
## Current Salary Before Taxes

< \$20 (2) \$20-29 (6) \$30-39 (1) \$40-49 (3)  
\$50-59 (0) \$60-69 (0) > \$70 (0)



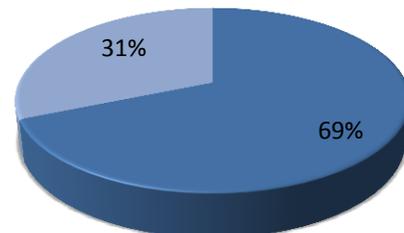
## Percentage of Time Employed at Current Position

< 25% (0) 26 - 49% (0) 50% - 74% (1)  
75% - 99% (2) 100% (12)



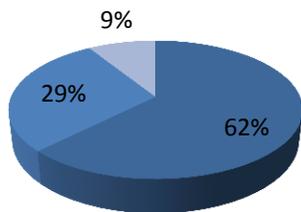
## Hold Certifications

Yes No



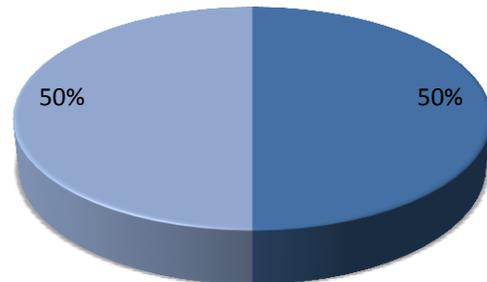
## Number Mailed vs. Number Returned

- Mailed (35)
- Returned Completed (16)
- Returned Unable to Deliver (5)



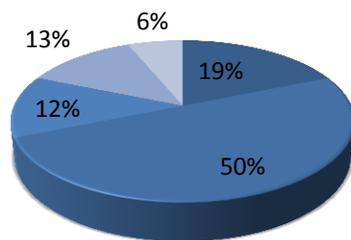
## Gender

- Male
- Female



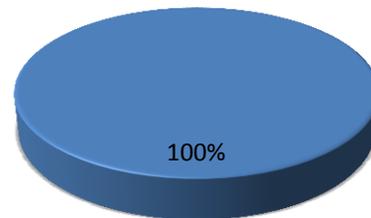
## Age

- 22
- 23
- 24



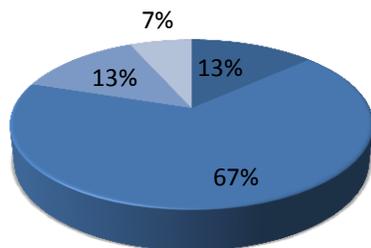
## Race

- White



## Currently Working

- Kansas (1)
- Nebraska (10)
- South Dakota (2)
- Missouri (1)



## Graduate Area

- APS (9)
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- AMS (1)
- VET TECH (2)
- APS & AMS (3)

