

**Graduate Survey Results of 2015, 2016, 2017 Classes – 47 total respondents (23% of graduates)**

- Previous surveys done in 2013 and 2014 had less than 20% response rates

1) Which of the following describes your current employment status?

- Employed, full-time 93.6%
- Employed, part time 2.1%
- Employed, multiple jobs 4.3%
- Graduate or professional school
- Military service
- Not employed

2) Did you transfer and pursue an additional degree after graduating from NCTA?

- Yes, transferred to University of Nebraska-Lincoln 12.8%
- Yes, transferred to another university besides UNL 14.9%
- No 72.3%

3) What is your current personal annual income before taxes?

- Less than \$20,000 6.4%
- \$20,000 to \$39,999 27.7%
- \$40,000 to \$59,999 46.8%
- \$60,000 to \$79,999 12.7%
- \$80,000 to \$99,999 4.3%
- \$100,000 or above 2.1%

4) What is your current, primary job?

Agriculture Production Systems

- Crop production operation - 4
- Diversified crop/livestock operation - 4
- Crop scouting/Agronomist - 1
- Seed/chemical sales
- Soil/water conservation
- Research technician - 2
- Irrigation technician - 1
- Welder
- Ag equipment sales/service - 1
- Ag chemical applicator
- Farm equipment maintenance
- Cow/calf operation - 2
- Feedlot operation - 2
- Horse trainer/manager
- Equine industry - 2
- Feed/pharmaceutical sales
- Livestock herdsman/manager

Agribusiness

- Loan officer/banking - 1
- Agricultural sales
- Ag insurance agent - 1
- Financial consultant
- Farm appraisal specialist
- Ag marketer

Veterinary Technology

- Vet Clinic Technician - 7
- Vet Clinic Assistant/Receptionist - 2
- Veterinarian
- Animal health inspector
- Pet/animal care
- Lab/research assistant/technician - 1

Other

- Not working in agriculture – 15 (32%)

- 5) What amount of your annual income is generated from your own business/operation?
- None 66.0%
  - 1 to 50% 21.3%
  - 51 to 100% 12.7%
- 6) Is your current position the same as the first one that you obtained after graduating NCTA?
- Yes 40.4%
  - No 59.6%
- 7) What was your primary major at NCTA?
- Agribusiness Management 17.0%
  - Agriculture Education
  - Agriculture Production Systems – Agronomy 10.6%
  - Agricultural Production Systems – Ag Equipment
  - Agricultural Production Systems – Diversified Agriculture 12.8%
  - Agricultural Production Systems – Equine Management 8.5%
  - Agricultural Production Systems – Livestock Management 12.8%
  - Veterinary Technology 34.0%
  - Irrigation Technician Certificate 4.3%
  - Welding Certificate
- 8) Please indicate whether the following descriptions applies to your current job. (check all that apply)
- Relates to my major at NCTA 63.8% of respondents
  - Requires me to use skill I gained at NCTA 68.1% of respondents
  - Is work I find meaningful 66.0% of respondents
  - Pays enough to support my desired lifestyle 59.6% of respondents
  - Pays health insurance 53.2% of respondents
  - Has opportunity for upward mobility 55.3% of respondents
  - I am currently not employed none
- 9) Overall, please rate how well NCTA prepared you for your current job?
- Not applicable 12.8%
  - Poor None
  - Fair 12.8%
  - Good 23.4%
  - Very Good 29.7%
  - Excellent 21.3%
- 10) Overall, please rate how well NCTA prepared you for interpersonal relationships and family living?
- Poor 4.3%
  - Fair 10.6%
  - Good 38.3%
  - Very Good 34.0%
  - Excellent 12.8%

11) Overall, please rate how well NCTA prepared you for managing person finances and property?

- Poor 17.0%
- Fair 21.3%
- Good 34.0%
- Very Good 21.3%
- Excellent 6.4%

12) Overall, please rate how well NCTA prepared you for community and civic engagement?

- Poor 2.1%
- Fair 17.0%
- Good 36.2%
- Very Good 27.7%
- Excellent 17.0%

13) About how often do you currently engage in community service or volunteer work for organizations?

- Weekly 14.9%
- Monthly 12.8%
- Several times a year 17.0%
- Once or twice a year 36.2%
- Less than once a year 19.1%

14) Are you a member of any professional organization at the:

- a. State Level.....Yes.....No 25.5% of respondents
- b. Regional Level.....Yes.....No 4.3% of respondents
- c. National Level.....Yes.....No 8.5% of respondents

15) Have you held any officer or leadership role in a professional organization at the:

- a. State Level.....Yes.....No 14.9% of respondents
- b. Regional Level.....Yes.....No 4.3% of respondents
- c. National Level.....Yes.....No 2.1% of respondents

**What is your current position title?**

- Sales/Marketing Representative
- Motel owner and manager, Childcare provider
- Licensed Veterinary Technician
- Legal Assistant
- CNA/Medication Aide
- Grower/supervisor
- Phlebotomist
- Sample receiving technician
- I am a store owner, I sell saddles and tack
- Sales
- Research Technician I
- Medical Laboratory Technician
- Body Shop Estimator
- Vet tech
- Crop scout
- Backgrounds Specialist
- Licensed veterinary technician, team lead.
- Research Farm Manager
- I farm with my parents and own cow/calf
- Communications technician
- Package delivery driver at UPS
- Pivot tech

- Whatever needs done
  - County roads maintainer
  - Ranch hand
  - Veterinary technician
  - Executive director of Keith county chamber
  - GGS Security Specialist
  - Sales Director & Client Communications
  - Assistant manager
  - Associate Livestock Underwriter
  - Boss/Owner
  
  - Licensed Mixed Animal Veterinary Technician
  - Licensed veterinary technician, department manager, internship supervisor
- Owner
  - Wastewater operator
  - General manager of furniture company
  - Office Administrator
  - Licensed Veterinary Technician
  - Owner/operator
  - Cattle Manager
  - Payroll/Sales Tax Specialist
  - Pen rider
  - Farmer
  - K-State Research and Extension Livestock Production/Ag & Natural Resource Agent
  - Loan Administration Assistant