



WHAT IS SUSTAINABLE CROP PRODUCTION?

Sustainable Crop Production is a method of farming or producing field crops, fruits and vegetables that ensures the profitability of farms, fair treatment of farm workers, sustains the local community and is capable of maintaining the productivity and protection of the natural resources on which the crops depend.

The Sustainable Crop Production Program at SUNY Cobleskill (AAS)

Students who choose to major in Sustainable Crop Production at SUNY Cobleskill take a two-year course of study that prepares them for employment in private industry or public service. They are exposed to up-to-date information presented by faculty who are highly trained and well-educated. The student is involved in activities such as scouting for diseases and insects, identifying and collecting weeds for Weed Identification Class, learning about the Production and Management of Forage and Seed Crops, gathering insects for Entomology, Surveying a field or doing Land Measurements, learning about Ag Machinery from the Ag Engineering department and actively debating the Economic, Social and Environmental aspects of Sustainable Agriculture. A student can find themselves in brand new well-equipped laboratories and greenhouses at the newly constructed Center for Agriculture and Natural Resources one day and out around the College's 902-acre campus studying plants the next day. The SUNY Cobleskill mission is to produce graduates with "hands-on" experience who are competent and successful in the field of agriculture. More than 98 percent of Sustainable Crop Production graduates find employment in their chosen area of specialization or continue their education.

Sample Careers Available to Sustainable Crop Production Graduates

- Crop Production Specialists and Consultants
- Sales/Marketing Specialists for seed, fertilizer and chemical companies
- Field Manager
- Agricultural Extension Agent in Cooperative Extension Service
- Crop Insurance Agents
- Coordinators of CSAs and local food organizations
- Technician at USDA-ARS or USDA-NRCS and other State and Federal Agencies
- Farmer (conventional or organic)
- Non-Profit Organizations
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