

CHOOSING A CAREER CHECKLIST

CAREERS: Agronomy, Crop Science, Soil Science, Environmental Science

Use this checklist to explore science careers that match your interests, strengths, and goals, without commitment.

PICTURE HOW YOU WANT TO WORK

- ✓ I know if I prefer hands-on, lab-based, outdoor, or tech-focused work
- ✓ I've thought about whether I like working independently, on a team, or both
- ✓ I care about work-life balance and flexibility

CONNECT TO WHAT MATTERS TO YOU

- ✓ I'm interested in solving real-world problems
- ✓ I care about food systems, the environment, sustainability, or innovation
- ✓ I want my work to feel useful and meaningful

FOCUS ON CAREER PATHS, NOT JUST JOB TITLES

- ✓ I've explored groups of related science careers (not just one job)
- ✓ I understand that one major can lead to many careers
- ✓ I'm keeping my options open as my interests grow

EXPLORE SCIENCE CAREERS IN ACTION

- ✓ I've looked at "day in the life" examples or career profiles
- ✓ I know what science careers actually involve day to day
- ✓ I've learned how science connects with technology, data, or people

MATCH CAREERS TO YOUR STRENGTHS

- ✓ I know which skills I enjoy using (problem-solving, observation, analysis, communication)
- ✓ I understand that careers help you build skills over time
- ✓ I'm choosing growth—not perfection

THINK ABOUT FLEXIBILITY AND FUTURE OPTIONS

- ✓ The careers I'm exploring exist in multiple industries
- ✓ I know I could pivot or specialize later
- ✓ I value adaptability and long-term options

LEARN FROM REAL PEOPLE

- ✓ I've talked with a teacher, counselor, or advisor
- ✓ I've asked questions about science careers and pathways
- ✓ I've listened to students or professionals about their experiences

FINAL FIT CHECK

- ✓ **This career path fits how I want to work**
- ✓ **It supports my values and interests**
- ✓ **It keeps my future options open**

REMEMBER

You don't need to choose one career forever. The goal is to choose a direction that helps you learn, grow, and build skills for what comes next.

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