

Agricultural Business Foundations Course Description

Agricultural Business Foundations (ABF) introduces students to business management in agriculture. Mathematics, reading, and writing components are woven in the context of agriculture and students will use the introductory skills and knowledge developed in this course throughout subsequent CASE courses. Throughout the course are practical and engaging activities, projects, and problems to develop and improve business and employability skills. Additionally, students investigate and develop viable business plans in order to solve local problems. The business plan ideas are communicated to student peers and members of the professional community.

The Agricultural Business Foundations course includes:

- Starting a business
- Financial documents
- Risk management
- Writing a business plan

The *Agricultural Business Foundations* course is an elective course from the CASE course menu. The course is structured for all students to experience agricultural business management practices in order to continue through a sequence of courses through high school. The knowledge and skills students develop can be used within multiple pathways of study.