

**Fall Semester 2019**  
**AGRI 130 Sections 010 & 510: Understanding Today's Agriculture**  
**(3 credits)**

**Web Site Address:** <http://sites.udel.edu/understand-de-ag>

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**Lectures:** Monday and Wednesday 8:40 – 9:55 a.m.

**Office Hours:** Available by request. Contact by cell at 302-381-5455 or email.

**Field Trips:** September 7, September 28, October 12, and November 2 (**ALL SATURDAYS**)

**Location:** Interactive Video Conference (ITV) rooms in Townsend Hall (006 - Newark) and Elbert N. & Ann V. Carvel Research & Education Center (Georgetown)

**Text:** None required. Supplemental materials and readings will be assigned.

**Course Description and Goals:** This course is designed to provide the student with a broad overview of today's agriculture. Topics include the diversified agricultural industries in the state and U.S., food supply/security/labelling, state/federal government impact on food and fiber, the importance and impact of technology, climate impacts, social media and workforce preparation. Through field trips, students will receive career focused "hands on" experiences in agricultural equipment operations and interact with unique agriculture industries within the state.

**Course Policies:** Students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the University's Student Handbook for policies and procedures. Copies are available at the Student Information Center (Perkins Student Center) or the Dean of Students Office (218 Hullihen Hall) in Newark.

***Attendance:*** Class attendance will be taken each class/field trip and it is critical to learning lecture and field trip material. **If a student has more than three unexcused absences, their final letter grade will be lowered by one full letter.**

***Assignments:*** Assignments are due on the dates specified in the syllabus. Ten % per day will be deducted from assignments turned in late. Assignments turned in more than one week late will not be graded and the student will receive a grade of 0.

**Academic Honesty:** Students are expected to be honest and forthright in all academic endeavors. To falsify the results of one's research, to steal or plagiarize the words or ideas of another, to cheat on an examination, or to allow another student to commit an act of academic dishonesty corrupts the essential process by which knowledge is gained. In accordance with University policy, all acts or attempted acts of alleged academic dishonesty must be reported to the Dean of Students Office. At the faculty member's discretion, and with the concurrence of the student or students involved, some cases, though reported to the Dean of Students Office, may be resolved within the confines of the course. All other cases will be adjudicated within the Student Judicial System.

**Course Evaluation, Grading, and Schedule:**

- Two Hourly Exams - **20% each** (40%)- Mon. **Sept. 30**; Mon. **Nov. 4**
- Quizzes - **20%**
- Class Blog Assignments - **15%** - **See handouts with details**
- Final Exam - **20%** - TBA (Week of Dec. 9-14)
- Class Participation - **5%**

Final grades will be assigned based on the student's course average using the following scale:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Range</u>
A	93-100
A <sup>-</sup>	90-92
B <sup>+</sup>	87-89
B	83-87
B <sup>-</sup>	80-82
C <sup>+</sup>	77-79
C	73-76
C <sup>-</sup>	70-72
D <sup>+</sup>	67-69
D	63-66
D <sup>-</sup>	62-60
F	0-59