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### **Agriculture as a Career**

*“Agriculture not only gives riches to a nation, but the only riches she can call her own.”*

– Samuel Johnson

From this premise, we must ask: Why not choose agriculture as a career? Agriculture is not only planting in the soil and gathering the fruits of harvest. This career is much more: it is a work of art with nature, and a science that has evolved with human knowledge for the survival of this race. Agriculture was one of the first jobs that enabled the foundation of great nations like the United States, not only in the economic sense, but as an inspiration for new technological advances, the fraternization between persons, and as a lifestyle for many. Agriculture has an important fundamental purpose: to allow people to consume good quality food with high nutritional content for good health.

Since I was a child, I have lived in an environment where agriculture has been the main source of work and sustenance. I know firsthand the importance of work in agriculture, which was the source of income for my family and the way to get food on our table. Agriculture is the source of life for many families, like mine, in Puerto Rico. For this reason, it is important to continue with the legacy of agriculture. If professionals follow-up in this career, we will ensure that many families receive this economic source, new inventions can be created and many people will receive the products that they need to live.

Another reason to choose agriculture as a career is to understand the importance of consuming products from our homeland, and the benefits that this gives. If agriculture is encouraged in a state or country, this will increase jobs, the quality control of food safety and the velocity with which fresh products reach our homes. Finally, choosing agriculture helps me to understand and apply the concepts and policies of this career to my major, Nutrition and Dietetics. It is important to understand how this career works in order to properly promote the importance of consumption of vegetables, fruits, and other healthful foods and educate on the implications of this for well-balanced nutrition and good health. For these reasons I choose agriculture as an excellent career, which is synonymous to richness.