

FAST FACTS:

The USDA reports that between 2005 and 2010, U.S. universities will not graduate enough people with food, agriculture, and natural resource degrees to meet demand.

The food manufacturing industry employs over 1.5 million people at 29,000 locations.

In 2005:

- The median starting salary for a food scientist was \$48,000
- The median salary was \$78,000
- The median salary by degree was:
 - BS: \$70,000
 - MS: \$76,000
 - Ph.D.: \$92,500

Source: *Food Technology* magazine, February 2006

Several scholarships are awarded annually to scholastically outstanding high school graduates or seniors expecting to graduate from high school entering college for the first time in an approved program in food science/technology.

There are over 45 universities in the U.S. that offer approved food science/technology degree programs.

For more information, visit www.ift.org.

WANT TO REACH OUT DIRECTLY?

HERE'S WHO TO CONTACT:

Your local elementary, middle, and high school. Contact the science coordinator and/or guidance counselor. See the sample letter provided.

Your local food science department. Many universities already work with local high schools and may want your help or can connect you with the right contact.

The National Science Teachers Association: <http://www.nsta.org>.

The American School Counselor Association: <http://www.schoolcounselor.org>.

Contact your local Boy or Girl Scouts troops. Some Girl Scout patches are directly related to food science.

A local museum or science center. See if they have a "science day" or other type of event where these demonstrations could be used.

