

## Agricultural professionals answer job-related questions

Agricultural professionals work in many different ways to support our food systems. Meet three professionals who work at **Cargill**, one of the world's largest agricultural production companies, and learn what they do each day to promote agriculture.

**ROSALEE DEL CAMPO MARRERO**  
Quality Superintendent



**Q Tell us about your yourself. Where are you from? Where did you go to school? What did you study?**

**A** I'm from Puerto Rico. I graduated from the University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez, where I majored in industrial microbiology and food science.

**Q What does a typical day on the job look like?**

**A** For me, a normal day at work is fast-paced and full of different challenges. I usually answer emails in the morning, and then attend our management meeting where we discuss employee safety, quality, food safety and other pressing topics. From there, I work on different tasks such as product specifications, labeling, shelf life and customer complaints. Once I'm all caught up, I go to the Quality Assurance office to talk with QA supervisors and technicians.

Quality assurance employees' days are very hands-on, and they always offer good input and insight into what is happening at the plant. Talking to them gives me a different perspective of the daily tasks and challenges for other employees at the facility.

**JACIE GRANT**  
Employee Experience Specialist



**Q Tell us about your yourself. Where are you from? Where did you go to school? What did you study?**

**A** I am originally from Bloomington, Indiana. I went to school at Purdue University, where I studied animal sciences and food and agribusiness management. I also attended graduate school at Purdue, where I studied animal sciences and cultural education.

**Q What is your favorite part of your job?**

**A** My favorite thing is the opportunity I have to be on farms and plants with our employees and animals, and also getting to go out and speak to students and community members about the agriculture industry.

**Q What could students do to prepare for a job in your field?**

**A** Try different experiences within the industry and don't narrow in on one thing. Learn to work with people that don't have the same background as you. If you are able to successfully work and connect with people from various backgrounds, you will be

more effective in your role in the agriculture industry.

**MADISON SLAVEN**  
Food Safety, Quality and Regulatory Professional



**Q Tell us about your yourself. Where are you from? Where did you go to school? What did you study?**

**A** I grew up in Weyers Cave, Virginia, and attended college at Virginia Tech. While in college, I majored in animal and poultry sciences with a minor in international trade and development. I also worked at the Virginia Tech Meat Science Center.

**Q What does a typical day on the job look like?**

**A** My job revolves around ensuring my plant is producing safe and wholesome food products for customers. I coordinate with different employees to make sure we are following our procedures and that our processes are being managed appropriately to protect our products and customers. I also work with our food safety programs to keep the plant compliant with regulations and corporate policies.

**Q What is your favorite part of your job?**

**A** I love that my job keeps me on my toes and encourages problem-solving to make sure we are putting out the best possible product at all times. I also love that I can walk into any grocery store to see that all of our work has paid off as our products feed families locally and globally.