

Farm Management and Agribusiness



Your Skills. Our Jobs.

In rural communities throughout the world, the economic base is founded upon agricultural enterprise. The Peace Corps is helping many of these communities to achieve greater food security and increased earning potential by bringing agribusiness specialists to work with them, and in doing so become part of a service legacy that dates back to 1961. While you may have many job prospects, nothing in your career is likely to compare to the challenges and rewards of the Peace Corps.

Bring Your Ag Know-How to the World's Table.

Add a new dimension to your career. Discover innovative ways to apply your workplace, classroom, and leadership experiences. Work in unforgettable locations where your knowledge and resourcefulness are in great demand. Forge new and lifelong relationships within the communities you serve, while empowering them to protect and benefit from sustainable natural resource practices. The possibilities as a Peace Corps Volunteer are endless and yours to leave an indelible mark.

Upon returning to the U.S., you'll discover open doors leading to new and exciting personal and professional opportunities. Fluency in a foreign language, international experience, and cross-cultural understanding are highly sought-after assets in today's global economy. You'll take away the satisfaction of knowing your efforts will have a lasting influence abroad while making you stand out here at home.

Peace Corps agricultural experience is valued by numerous organizations, including the US Forest Service, National Park Service, USDA Extension service, the U.S. Food and Nutrition Service, the Food and Agriculture Organization, CARE International, United Nations Environment Program, and many private corporations and public organizations seeking individuals with unique skills.

The Work.

In your role as a Farm Management/Agribusiness Volunteer, you will work with small-scale farmers, farmers' cooperatives, agribusinesses, and/or nongovernmental organizations. Depending on your specific assignment, you might:

- Teach farmers basic business practices such as marketing, credit price determination, and general business planning
- Work on crop and livestock production and preservation
- Assist in organizing networks of local farmers
- Identify market structures and channels
- Perform production cost and price analyses



As the Peace Corps approaches its 50th anniversary, it continues to promote peace and friendship, with Volunteers serving in over 70 countries. Since 1961, nearly 200,000 Americans have served the Peace Corps in 139 countries around the world

Are You Ready?



How do I qualify?

To qualify for a Farm Management/Agribusiness assignment, you will need at a minimum:

- Bachelor's degree in agriculture economics or agribusiness or
- A degree that combines agriculture and management or
- A business or economics degree combined with one year of hands-on experience in farming or agribusiness or
- At least three years full-time experience in farm management or agribusiness

Is this the right fit?

Let the Peace Corps match your skills and ambitions with the right type of program. Based on the areas identified by our host countries, there is a pressing need to raise sustainable production levels of crops and small animals in a way that is beneficial to both the environment and the farmers' margins of profit. You will live and work in a rural area or a very small community, and have the opportunity to apply your knowledge and ideas in a new setting where you will be a catalyst for long-term sustainable improvements.

How can I stand out?

In addition to the minimum qualifications, you can strengthen your competitiveness for placement in Farm Management and Agribusiness by gaining hands-on farming or gardening experience; with teaching or training experience; though practical utilization of your business experience; with demonstrated computer, research, and networking skills; though a demonstrated ability and willingness to collaborate and share resources with others.

The ability to learn a new language is an important ingredient to a successful volunteer experience. Become more competitive by taking at least a year of French or two years of Spanish at the university level. If you have learned a language informally, Peace Corps may consider the CLEP and ACTFL exams to consider you for placement.

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"I worked with my community to improve methods of small animal management and to create a small-scale irrigation system to help families produce a greater variety of produce. The next step is to build greenhouses and teach families about the economic advantages of diversifying crops and producing value-added products."

— Michael Scott, Volunteer in Ecuador