



**Department of
Higher Education**

John R. Kasich, Governor
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Memorandum

To: Chief Academic Officers and Provosts

From: Dr. Paula Compton, Associate Vice Chancellor, Articulation and Transfer

Date: September 19, 2016

Subject: New Career-Technical Assurance Guide (CTAG): Agribusiness and Production Systems

I am pleased to announce a new Career-Technical Assurance Guide (CTAG) that facilitates transfer from Ohio's Public Secondary Career-Technical Institutions to Ohio's Public Colleges and Universities in the area of Agribusiness and Production Systems. [This memo provides an overview of the Agribusiness and Production Systems CTAG and also addresses the need for the participation of post-secondary institutions.](#)

Agribusiness and Production Systems

The Agribusiness and Production Systems CTAG was created through the Secondary Career-Technical Alignment Initiative (SCTAI), a collaborative effort between the [Ohio Department of Higher Education](#) (ODHE) and the [Ohio Department of Education](#) (ODE), which supports the legislative mandates in ORC 3333.162. Faculty experts from two-year and four-year institutions, across the state, worked on the initiative to ensure similar academic content by examining and providing input into the ODE Technical Content Standards and then aligning those standards with post-secondary learning outcomes. A survey was sent to all of Ohio's Public Colleges and Universities for review, comment, and endorsement. Findings favored the creation of a statewide agreement in Agribusiness and Production Systems and the addition of three new Career-Technical Articulation Numbers (CTANs), for statewide articulation. The attached assurance guide details the criteria that will provide secondary career-technical students the opportunity to earn post-secondary credit for the approved CTANs below.

The Agribusiness and Production Systems CTAG includes the following courses (CTANs):

CTAGP001- Crop Production
CTAGP002- Soil Fertility and Fertilizers
CTAGP003- Agribusiness Management

[Please see attached CTAG document for course descriptions and identified learning outcomes.](#)

CTAGP001- Crop Production, CTAGP002- Soil Fertility and Fertilizers and CTAGP003- Agribusiness Management are new CTANs. If your institution offers a course(s) with similar content to any of these CTANs, please submit the course through the Course Equivalency Management System (CEMS) for review. Providing a submission no later than September 26, 2016, will allow the course(s) to be reviewed in the next review cycle.

Compliance Expectations: Also attached to this correspondence, is an expected compliance chart, which shows courses identified to match the learning outcomes for the CTANs previously mentioned. For questions pertaining to course equivalency and institutional compliance expectations, please contact Nikki Lewis, Associate Director of Secondary Career-Technical Alignment Initiative (SCTAI), nlewis@highered.ohio.gov or 614-728-2662.

Statewide Teleconference: There will be a statewide discipline-specific teleconference for the Agribusiness and Production Systems CTAG. The purpose of this teleconference is to familiarize institutions with the CTAG process, facilitate timely submissions, and provide an overview of what is required from institutions making submissions. The meeting will be held on September 23, 2016 and will convene at 2:00 p.m. Faculty are encouraged to complete the registration for the teleconference at, <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BDCMJGZ>.

Faculty Review Panel Nominations: A faculty panel will be composed to conduct reviews for courses submitted through CEMS. If you are aware of a faculty member who could potentially serve as a faculty review panel member for the Agribusiness and Production Systems CTAG course equivalency review process, please follow the link to submit your nomination at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TQWPLLK>.

I would like to thank all of those involved in this process for their dedication and support. The names of the faculty participants are listed on page 5 of the Agribusiness and Production Systems CTAG. If you have any questions in reference to the content of the Agribusiness and Production Systems CTAG, please contact Jamilah Tucker, Director of Career-Technical Transfer Initiatives, jjones@highered.ohio.gov, 614-466-0543 or Monique Menefee-Profitt, Associate Director of Career-Technical Transfer Initiatives, mmenefee-profitt@highered.ohio.gov, 614-387-1022. For technical assistance with a submission, please contact Ryan Cupp, Administrator of Career-Technical Transfer Initiatives, rcupp@highered.ohio.gov, 614-752-9474.

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