

## New Resource for Youth and Agriculture!

Are you an ag educator looking to for some help and resources to engage and educate young people in agriculture? Or maybe you are a student looking for more information about agriculture? USDA has launched a new website that is a great resource!

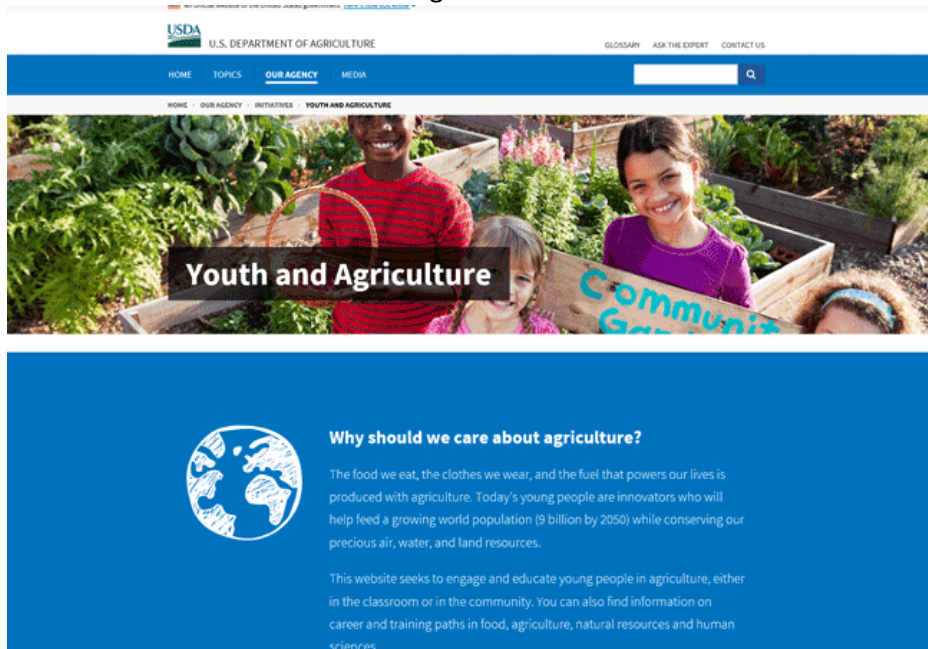
Per the USDA:

"...USDA is launching a new [Youth and Agriculture website](#) to connect young people and youth-serving organizations with Department-wide resources that engage, empower, and educate the next generation of agricultural leaders.

"The future of agriculture in America depends on the investment and involvement of America's young people," said Deputy Secretary Stephen Censky. "Connecting with America's youth on National Ag Day is a tremendous opportunity to show that careers in farming, the agricultural sciences, and veterinary medicine are rewarding, essential, and profitable."

The USDA Youth and Agriculture website features three key components of agriculture-focused youth engagement – classroom studies, experiential learning, and leadership training. Educators can find ways to include agriculture in the classroom and beyond. Young people can learn about USDA summer outreach programs, youth loans for business projects, and outdoor volunteering. Community leaders can get tips on starting leadership development clubs and education programs. The site also highlights USDA partners, such as 4-H, the National FFA Organization, Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences (MANRRS), Agriculture Future of America (AFA), and many others working with the Department to connect young people with opportunities in agriculture.

For the career curious, the website provides information on internships and scholarships, USDA employment, and information on agriculture career fields, such as forestry, robotics engineering, biochemistry, and food sciences. Storytelling will help young people learn from peers about youth-led innovations and success stories in agriculture.



The screenshot shows the USDA Youth and Agriculture website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the USDA logo and the text "U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE". To the right of the logo are links for "GLOSSARY", "ASK THE EXPERT", and "CONTACT US". Below this is a secondary navigation bar with "HOME", "TOPICS", "OUR AGENCY", and "MEDIA". A search bar is located to the right of "OUR AGENCY". Below the navigation bars is a large banner image showing a group of diverse young people in a garden. Overlaid on the image is the text "Youth and Agriculture" in a white box. Below the banner is a blue section with a white globe icon on the left. To the right of the globe is the heading "Why should we care about agriculture?" followed by two paragraphs of text. The first paragraph states: "The food we eat, the clothes we wear, and the fuel that powers our lives is produced with agriculture. Today's young people are innovators who will help feed a growing world population (9 billion by 2050) while conserving our precious air, water, and land resources." The second paragraph states: "This website seeks to engage and educate young people in agriculture, either in the classroom or in the community. You can also find information on career and training paths in food, agriculture, natural resources and human sciences."