

VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

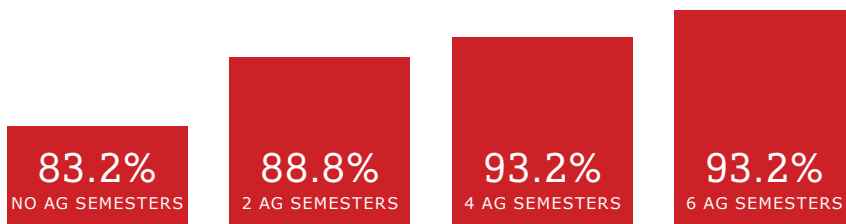
In Texas, there are more than 2,500 hard-working agriculture, food and natural resources teachers empowering more than 197,000 students through the gifts of knowledge, drive, and confidence. Thanks to their dedication, the future of Texas students has never been brighter.

The Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas (VATAT) was established to promote and advance agriculture education in Texas and provide legislative representation to safeguard agriculture education programs.

The VATAT informs agriculture teachers about the latest agricultural education practices, encourages higher standards of teaching, and provides a unified voice in the state legislature.

RESEARCH SHOWS:

Students with 2, 4 or 6 semesters of agricultural education graduate at a higher rate than their high school peers.



- Students who received a Texas FFA scholarship are more confident in their ability to succeed in college.
- FFA students are more likely to be recruited by colleges and earn scholarships.
- FFA members regularly share stories of improved confidence,

FOOTNOTE

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