ANNA DAVENPORT

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Agricultural educator with collegiate teaching experience in animal science, horticulture, and agricultural systems. Demonstrated expertise in curriculum development, program leadership, and applied agricultural instruction. Strong background in livestock production, agribusiness, and agricultural operations, with a focus on experiential learning and workforce preparation. Committed to student mentorship, industry engagement, and hands-on education in agricultural systems.

EDUCATION

Master of Science, Agriculture (Agribusiness)
Tennessee State University, 2012

Bachelor of Science, Agriculture (Animal Science)
Murray State University, 2003

Additional Graduate Coursework: Veterinary Hospital Management, Animal Science, and Agribusiness (2023–2024)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Agriculture Lead Instructor
Shawnee Community College, 2020–Present

- Teach undergraduate-level courses in Animal Science, Natural Resource Management, Soil Science, Horticulture, and Agricultural Business
- Develop and revise curriculum aligned with industry standards and workforce needs
- Design course syllabi, assessments, and instructional materials across multiple disciplines
- Integrate experiential learning through laboratory, greenhouse, and field-based instruction
- Advise and mentor students in academic progression, career pathways, and industry readiness
- Supervise adjunct and dual-enrollment instructors
- Participate in recruitment, outreach, and program development initiatives

August 10, 2026
(Exhibit # 7)

COURSES TAUGHT
Animal Science
Plant and Crop Science
Soil Science
Horticulture
Natural Resource Management
Forestry and Wildlife Management
Agricultural Business
Agricultural Economics
Agricultural Communications
Precision Agriculture
Agricultural Internship

STUDENT MENTORSHIP AND ADVISING

- Mentor undergraduate students in academic success, career development, and workforce readiness
- Advise Agriculture Club and support student leadership development
- Supervise student internships and applied agricultural experiences
- Provide individualized academic and career guidance

APPLIED SCHOLARSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT

- Incorporate applied agricultural practices and industry-informed data into instruction
- Engage in ongoing professional development in animal science, livestock systems, and agribusiness
- Contribute to curriculum innovation in precision agriculture and natural resource management
- Maintain active engagement with agricultural producers, landowners, and industry partners

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PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

- Lead curriculum development and program improvement initiatives
- Manage departmental budgets, including Perkins grant funding
- Coordinate instructional resources, facilities, and course offerings
- Support program growth through recruitment and outreach

AGRICULTURAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Owner/Operator – Livestock and Ranching Operation
2003–Present

- Own and manage equine and beef cattle operation, including bucking horses and bulls
- Oversee breeding, nutrition, herd health, marketing, and grazing management
- Maintain pasture systems, facilities, and equipment
- Apply practical livestock production strategies aligned with industry standards

Sales Manager – Commercial Equipment Broker
2018–2020

- Managed sales operations, staff, scheduling, and client relations
- Developed marketing strategies and supported business growth

Operations Manager – Tennessee Nursery and Landscape Supply
2014–2018

- Directed horticultural operations including irrigation, pest management, and inventory control
- Managed staff, purchasing, and daily operations

Sales Representative – Riverbend Nurseries
2012–2014

- Managed wholesale nursery accounts and developed new business relationships
- Coordinated plant sales, logistics, and customer service

SERVICE AND COMMITTEE WORK

Academic Affairs Committee
Curriculum and Instruction Committee
Student Affairs Committee
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Council
Facilities Committee

COMMUNITY AND INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT

- Partner with agricultural businesses and producers to support student learning and internships
- Participate in recruitment events, agricultural expos, and outreach initiatives
- Collaborate with workforce development programs on training initiatives

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS
National Association of Agriculture Educators
Illinois Association of Community College Agriculture Instructors
Farm Bureau
National Association of Animal Breeders

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
ACUE Certification: Effective Teaching and Learning (2024)
NAAB Cattle Artificial Insemination Certification (2024)
Illinois Leadership Conference (2022)

AGRICULTURAL BACKGROUND

- Raised on a family farm with early involvement in livestock production
- Active 4-H participant with a State Project Award in livestock-related programming

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TECHNICAL SKILLS
Moodle
Canvas
Weave
Simple Syllabus
SmartEvals
Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint