Admission Policy
Applicants to the graduate program in agriculture must have the following:

• Bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university
• Minimum GPA of 2.75 over the last 60 hours of undergraduate course work
• GRE scores must be on file in the Graduate College prior to the admission decision
• Conditional admission is available to students with a 2.50 GPA on the last 60 hours and a preferred GRE score of 950 (verbal and quantitative combined)

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The University
Texas State University-San Marcos is a doctoral-granting university with an enrollment of over 27,000 students. Located at the foot of the Texas Hill Country, Texas State enjoys a setting that is unique among Texas universities. The beauty of the crystal-clear San Marcos River and many cypress and pecan trees on the campus add to the charm of this picturesque locale.

Located 30 miles south of Austin and 50 miles north of San Antonio, San Marcos has managed to retain the charm of a smaller community. Texas State maintains an atmosphere where faculty and students take the processes of teaching and learning seriously.
The Master of Education with a major in Agriculture offered through the Department of Agriculture at Texas State prepares students to work as professionals in the agriculture industry and in positions of leadership and management in secondary schools, as well as in adult education. The programmatic offerings emphasize both conceptual and practical applications of teaching methodologies. Students may choose to participate in supervised research. Either a thesis or non-thesis degree may be selected.

The challenges and rewards in agriculture have never been greater. Whether you are interested in careers in agriculture production, horticulture and public gardens, marketing, research and teaching, or state or national government service, the M.Ed. program in Agriculture at Texas State can meet your needs.

Curriculum
The M.Ed. curriculum includes an emphasis in either teaching or leadership. Agricultural education graduate study includes research methods, technological change, perspectives on adult education, energy and systems management, curriculum development, and educational technology. The thesis option allows students to acquire research experience.

The curriculum consists of 36 hours: 21 in agricultural education and 15 in an integrated minor. With the thesis option, 6 hours of credit for supervised research are counted toward the 21 hours of required agricultural education course work. The integrated minor has support courses available in Agriculture, Business Administration, Biology, Education, Recreation Administration, Educational Psychology, Special Education, and Communication Studies. The major and supportive courses are to be taken with the advice and consent of the student’s advisory committee, which consists of three or more graduate faculty selected with the help of the Graduate Advisor.

Financial Assistance
Scholarships are available to qualified students on a competitive basis through the Graduate College, including:
- Texas State Celebrity Classic Scholarships
- Texas State Graduate Scholars Program
- College Graduate Scholarships
- Mitte Foundation Scholarships

For more information about scholarships and application deadlines visit the Graduate College web site at www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/scholarships.html.

Help in obtaining loans and grants can be found through the Financial Aid Office. For information call 512.245.2315 or visit the web site at www.finaid.txstate.edu.

Graduate assistantships and scholarships are available through the department. Graduate students may work as laboratory instructors or faculty research assistants. Stipends are available on a competitive basis. Out-of-state student recipients of university stipends are eligible for resident tuition rates. An application letter, statement of reasons for graduate study, and two reference letters under separate cover must be sent to the Graduate Advisor in the Department of Agriculture by March 31 for fall assistantships. For students seeking admission at other times, assistantship awards will be made if funds are available. The awards are based on scholastic achievement.