



Indiana AgVets



*Agricultural Career Certification
& Internship Program for Military Veterans*

Project Collaborators



Sponsor



United States Department of Agriculture
National Institute of Food and Agriculture

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Primary Program Goals

Support veterans

- ***Prepare military veterans for successful, meaningful careers*** in agricultural production or agribusiness through education, mentoring, and hands-on internships.

- ***Address the issues of an aging agricultural workforce and industry-wide shortage of skilled workers*** by recruiting and training veterans for agricultural careers.

Support agriculture

Indiana AgVets Eligibility

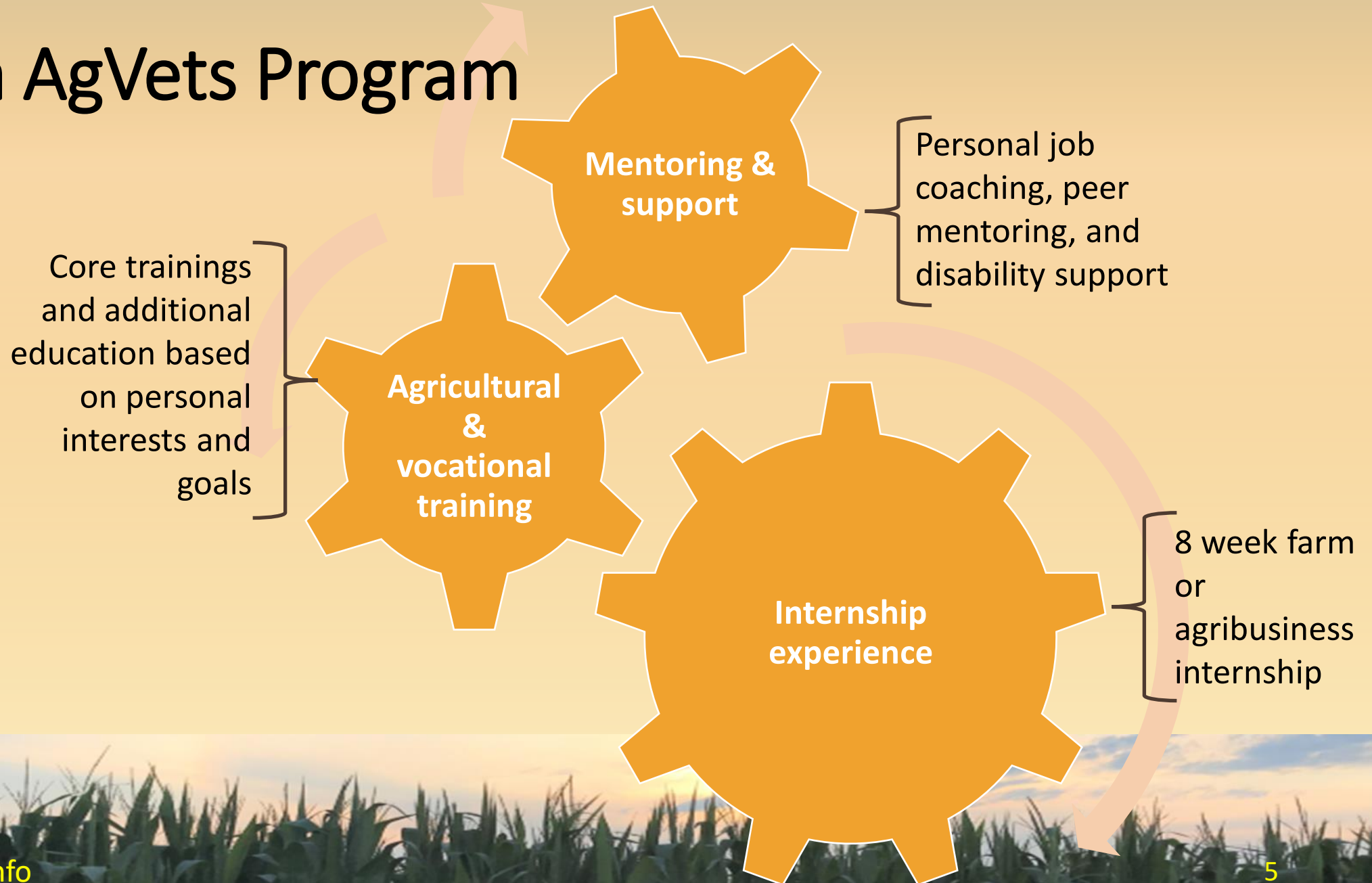
- ✓ *Veterans*
- ✓ *Nat. Guard*
- ✓ *Reserves*



NOTE: Participants are not required to have a disability. Project staff will address disability issues with each individual as needed.



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Mentoring and Job Coaching

- Interns will be assigned a job coach/mentor
 - Personalized curriculum
 - Depends on interests, needs, schedule, motivation of each AgVet
- Internship host mentor
 - Coordinates with project staff and intern
- Disability services
 - AgrAbility to assist AgVets and host sites to ensure accessibility
 - Counselors & mentors for service-related challenges (PTSD)



AgVets Training

Core Trainings (33 AgVets served)

- Farmer Veteran Workshop Series
 - Intro to program; veteran services; USDA programs; resources; farm & facility tours
- Ag. Safety & Health (OSHA 10 online)
- Commercial Pesticide Applicator Core Training

No instructional fees

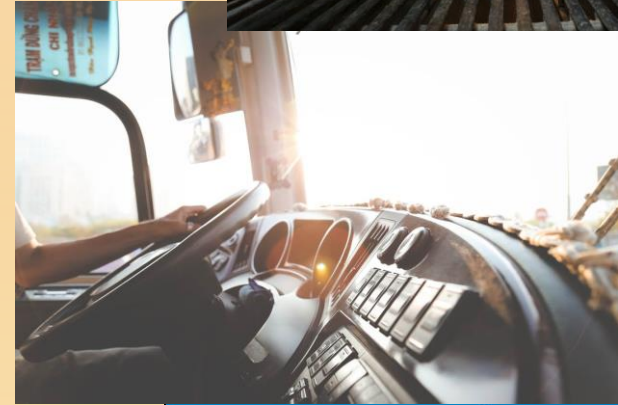


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Supplemental Options

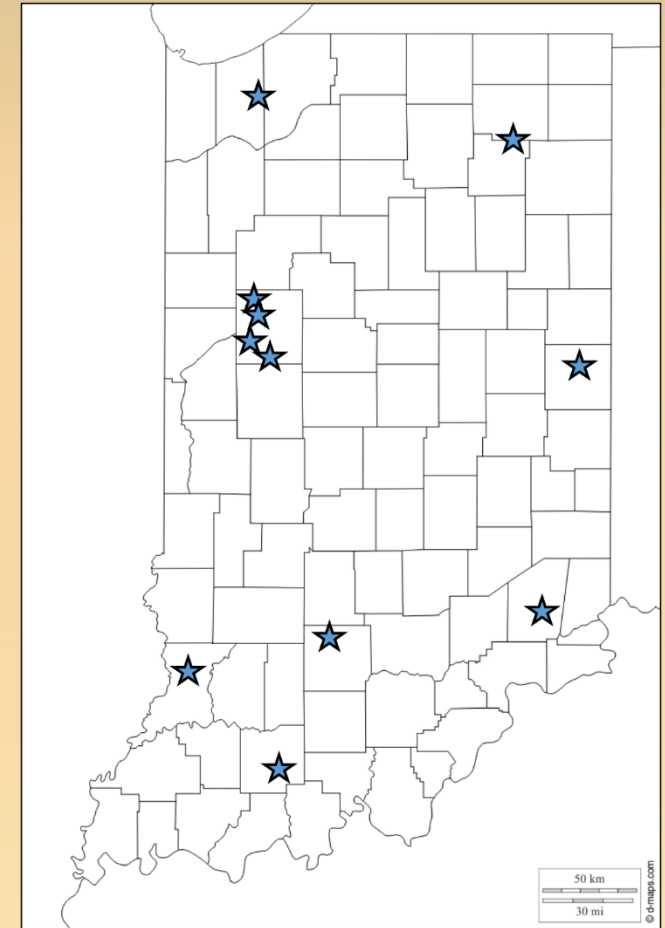
- Advanced trainings & short courses
 - Extension and industry sponsored programs
 - Master Naturalist / Master Gardener
 - UAV – Unmanned aerial vehicles
 - Livestock/crop related workshops
 - Commercial Driver's License
- Conferences and Trade Shows
 - Indiana Small Farms Conference
 - Farmer Veteran Coalition
- Many other options!

Partial or full stipends for instructional fees may be available for supplemental training options



AgVets Internships (11 AgVets currently)

- Stipends provided to interns (no cost to hosts)
- Interns may be placed at:
 - Grain, livestock, or specialty farms
 - Agribusinesses such as crop services, grain handling, machinery dealers, etc.
 - Nurseries, turf & landscape operations, forest products
 - Other locations depending on AgVet's interests
- Purdue Agricultural Centers partnership
- Support from Indiana agribusinesses, commodity organizations for intern placement
- Sites throughout Indiana



Purdue Ag. Center and
Research Farm Locations



AgVets Partners & Cooperators

Interested in being an Indiana AgVet, or hosting an intern at your farm or business?

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