

PROJECT PURPOSE



Respond to the growing demand for agriculture (ag) technicians in Northeast Georgia



Discover how the community, through its colleges, can engage the ag industry and Appalachian families and students in developing ag technicians and breaking the generational poverty cycle.

PROJECT PARAMETERS



Funded by:
National Science Foundation
Advanced Technological Education



Timeline:
2020 - 2023
(Standard 3-year grant)



Award Amount:
\$299,795.00
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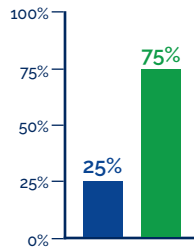
EVALUATION QUESTIONS

1

To what extent does MATE-ANG meet the needs of the ag industry in Northeast Georgia?

Year 2 Actuals

75 percent of the Industry-driven Ag Advisory Committee strongly agreed that the curriculum's focus on poultry and livestock aligns with the two major ag industries in Northeast Georgia; the remaining 25 percent agreed.



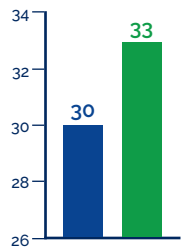
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What is the project's impact on ag programs' recruitment, enrollment, and retention?

Year 2 Actuals

Recruitment efforts expanded drastically from the COVID-19 restrictions of year 1 and led to student commitments that will extend into year 3 of the project.

Target number of students (blue bar) | Actual number of students (green bar)



2

To what extent are industry partners engaged in and benefiting from the project's development and implementation?

Year 2 Actuals

Industry-student collaborations have expanded and created enthusiasm among current and potential students, which will continue to increase program interest and enrollment.



4

To what extent are faculty and staff involved in project development, implementation, and management to ensure success?

Year 2 Actuals

100 percent of surveyed faculty and staff believe the agriculture programs inspire post-secondary education and believe NGTC offers appropriate support for the development and implementation of the project.



EVALUATOR'S CONCLUSION



[With] relaxed socialization opportunities during year 2 of the grant, growth toward reaching program goals occurred.



More partnerships were developed, more students were provided information regarding NGTC ag programs, and a greater focus was placed on pre-professional opportunities.