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SUSTAINABILITY INSTITUTE

Industry and Research Tours

When: Monday, February 1, 2027 | 8:00am-9:30am, 10:30am-12:00pm, or 1:30-3:00pm

Where: Your facilities, we will bus to your location.

What: This tour provides an opportunity for students to explore real-world agricultural sustainability careers by visiting industry organizations and observing daily operations. The tour will help students connect classroom learning to practical, hands-on experiences, offering them insights into how the industry functions and highlighting career opportunities within your organization.

How: Students will be divided into three groups of 18-19 students, each accompanied by 1-2 AFA staff members. One group will visit your organization for a 1.5-hour immersive experience, concluding with time for questions and discussion. We encourage organizations to create an engaging, hands-on experience that allows students to actively explore your work rather than simply observe it. Experiences may include:

- Participating in activities that simulate real-world projects, challenges, or decision-making processes within your organization.
- Exploring equipment, technology, facilities, or operational systems through guided demonstrations and interactive experiences.
- Working through a case study, problem-solving activity, or industry scenario that highlights your organization's impact and operations.
- Engaging with team members to learn about career pathways, day-to-day responsibilities, and professional growth opportunities.
- Discovering sustainability, conservation, innovation, or stewardship practices through tangible examples and applications.

The most impactful visits allow students to see, do, and experience your work firsthand. AFA staff are happy to collaborate with your team to develop an engaging experience that showcases your organization.

Why: The goal of the tour is to give students real-world exposure to careers in the agricultural sustainability industry. By engaging directly with professionals and observing industry environments, students can broaden their understanding of how classroom knowledge is applied in practice, preparing them for future career decisions.

Your Role: As a **host**, you'll guide students through an engaging tour of your organization. Our expectation is for you to offer interactive elements like demonstrations, presentations, or discussions on sustainability and agriculture, while providing insights into careers in the agricultural and natural resources industry.

If you're interested in hosting a tour and helping shape future agricultural leaders, please **register for a tour slot here.**