

How We Got Started

The American Feed Industry Association is the world's largest organization devoted exclusively to representing the business, legislative and regulatory interests of the animal feed and pet food industries and its suppliers. Membership includes 500 domestic and international companies. As a membership-driven organization, AFIA depends heavily on the dedication, commitment and involvement of its members to ensure the vitality and success of the association's mission and programs. AFIA realizes the great potential and responsibility of developing the future leaders of the feed and pet food industries.

In the late 1990s AFIA began the Women in Ag Committee, now called the Networking, Education & Mentoring in Agriculture (NEMA) Committee. One of the NEMA committee's main focuses is offering high school and college students valuable resources and guidance in the field of agriculture.

The NEMA committee provides powerful resources through our experiences, contacts, opportunities and education for those students who see their future in agribusiness. Our group conducts programs and discussion forums of interest for students who are entering the work-force and promotes exchange of ideas among industry and related groups. Through our service, we create an invaluable mentor-protégé relationship.

What We Do

There will be an unmet demand for jobs in agriculture in the near future as fewer and fewer people come from farm backgrounds. The members of the NEMA committee believe that with the help and guidance of an experienced industry leader, students can discover how to unlock and achieve his or her potential in agribusiness.



Our Outreach

NEMA focuses on four essential strategies designed to encourage youth to seek futures in the feed and pet food industries.

- We build and support mentoring centers to inspire reality-tested solutions for the greatest challenges facing youth in the feed and pet food industries.
- We deliver a wealth of information through high-quality educational programs.
- We generate support for the industry's front line.

- We are committed to helping foster connections in the feed and pet food industries job market through AFIA's online Career Center. We find that the one-size fits all approach of the mega job boards may not be the best way to find exactly what you are seeking in the agricultural fields. When you want the perfect match as an employer or a job seeker, AFIA online Career Center provides the best benefits.

Go to www.afia.org for more information.



How to Use NEMA Resources

Take advantage of networking and mentoring opportunities through AFIA and NEMA. Our talks offer real-world stories, wisdom and advice. Here are some topics we address:

- Why is a career in agriculture beneficial?
- What is the potential of an agriculture career?
- What is the most effective way to transition from school to a professional career?
- How to make the best impression in an interview.
- How to effectively search for jobs in the feed industry.



How To Get In Touch

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