

FINDING YOUR FIT

Whether it's your first school or your fourth, you want the school, community, and program to be a good "fit" for you and your career goals. While there is no guaranteed way to find your fit, it is important to consider a variety of factors. Here are just a few:

- What does the curriculum teach? Is it something I am comfortable with? Is it something I am willing to learn?
- What are the school administration's and the community's expectations for the program?
- How is the CTE director supportive of agricultural education?
- Will this program help me achieve my career goals?
- Can I see myself working here in five years? 10 years? Retiring?
- Is the administration supportive of the program and teacher professional development?
- Is there an alumni/supporters group? How have they interacted with the previous teacher?
- What is the turnover rate of teachers in the district? Are teachers leaving quickly?
- What are the administrators most proud of in their district? Does it align with my values?
- What do the school's website and social media accounts say about what they value?
- How does the school support and mentor new teachers?
- Are the salary and additional contracts/stipends competitive to other districts?
- Do the teachers like one another?
- What does your "gut" tell you?
- Is the program single or multiple teacher? How does that fit for me?