

FAEIS Newsletter

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Thanks to all who submitted their FAEIS surveys by the February 1 deadline. Your student survey data has been loaded into FAEIS Report Builder as the preliminary dataset for 2009. Survey data from 2009 will be updated as more institutions (who requested extensions) continue to report to FAEIS.

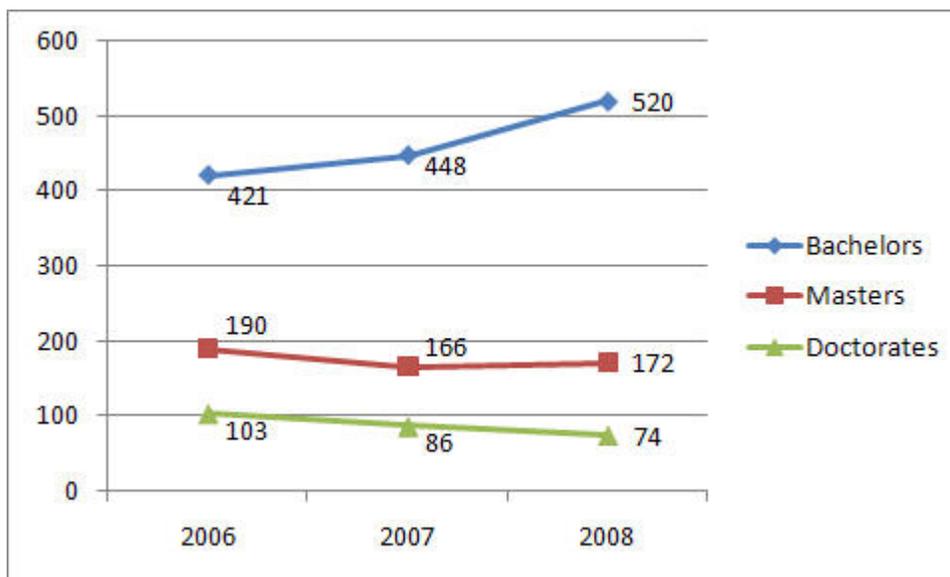
Is Food Safety Enrollment Meeting National Needs?

The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) formerly CSREES, recently developed five national priority areas to focus NIFA and USDA science funds on solving specific problems and demonstrating results. The FAEIS Team thought that it would be interesting to explore what the enrollment and graduate numbers looks like for one of those priority areas - Food Safety. The charts below show an analysis of degrees awarded and student enrollment data that exists in the FAEIS database. We selected the Food Science and Technology Academic Area (CIP 01.10) that would likely produces graduates for the Food Safety field. The disciplines included in that area are Food Science (CIP 01.1001); Food Technology and Processing (CIP 01.1002); and Food Science and Technology, Other (CIP 01.1099).

For this academic area, the FAEIS database includes between 96.7% and 100% (depending on the degree) of the institutions reporting degrees in the the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS). Therefore this analysis is a very accurate picture of the national situation. To look at trends, we sorted the list to only include those institutions that had three consecutive years of data (2006-2008).

You can see from the chart below that the number of degrees awarded in the academic area has been declining for graduate degrees. However, bachelor degrees are on the rise.

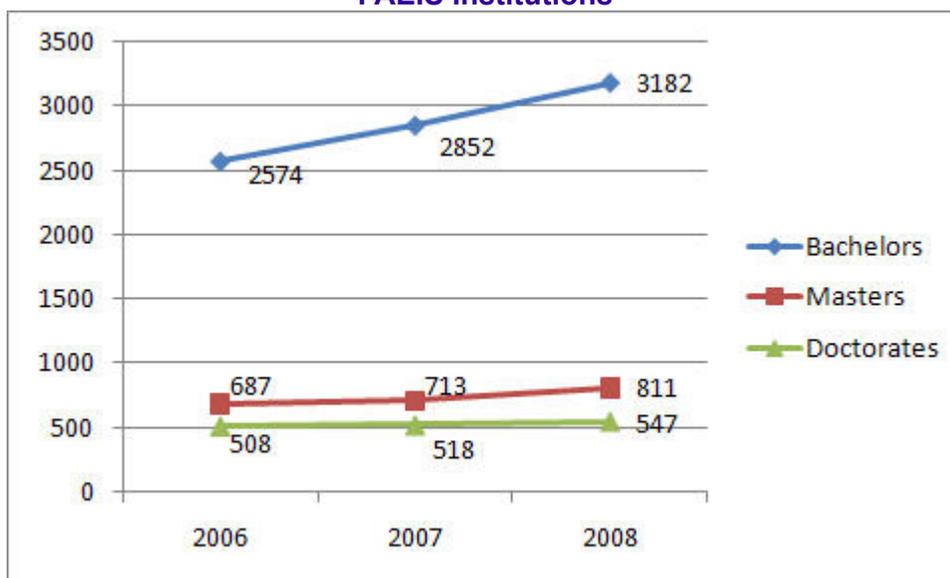
Number of Degrees Awarded in the Food Science and Technology Academic Area By FAEIS Institutions



[See the list of institutions used to create this chart.](#)

Looking at the student enrollment chart below, we see that enrollment for all degree levels is on the rise, with a significant increase in bachelor degree enrollment for the Food Science and Technology Academic Area. Given this increase in the number of students enrolled, perhaps the number of degrees awarded at the graduate degree level will soon increase.

Student Enrollment in the Food Science and Technology Academic Area By FAEIS Institutions



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FAEIS 2009 Surveys Are Still Open

Did you miss the survey completion deadline (February 1)? That's OK. We are still accepting your 2009 FAEIS Surveys, with the following components:

- Student Enrollments by Discipline - Fall, 2009
- Degrees Awarded - 2008/2009
- Placement of Graduates - 2008/2009
- Annual Faculty Survey
- International Programs
- Board on Human Sciences Benchmark Survey

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