



FAEIS Newsletter

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Greetings from the FAEIS team at Virginia Tech. If you are not familiar with this important project from USDA/CSREES, [click here](#) to read about FAEIS and why it is important to you.

Annual Survey of Human Sciences Institutions

The 2008 Survey of Human Sciences Institutions is now open. This annual benchmarking survey is conducted by FAEIS on behalf of the Board of Human Sciences (BOHS) and the Council of Administrators of Family and Consumer Sciences (CAFCS),

Customized survey worksheets will be sent to college administrators at BOHS and CAFCS institutions. Survey data may be entered using the FAEIS data entry system or by returning the completed survey worksheet to the [FAEIS Help Desk](#).

For more information, please see the [Survey of Human Sciences Institutions](#) page at the FAEIS website.

Trends in Doctorate Degrees Awarded

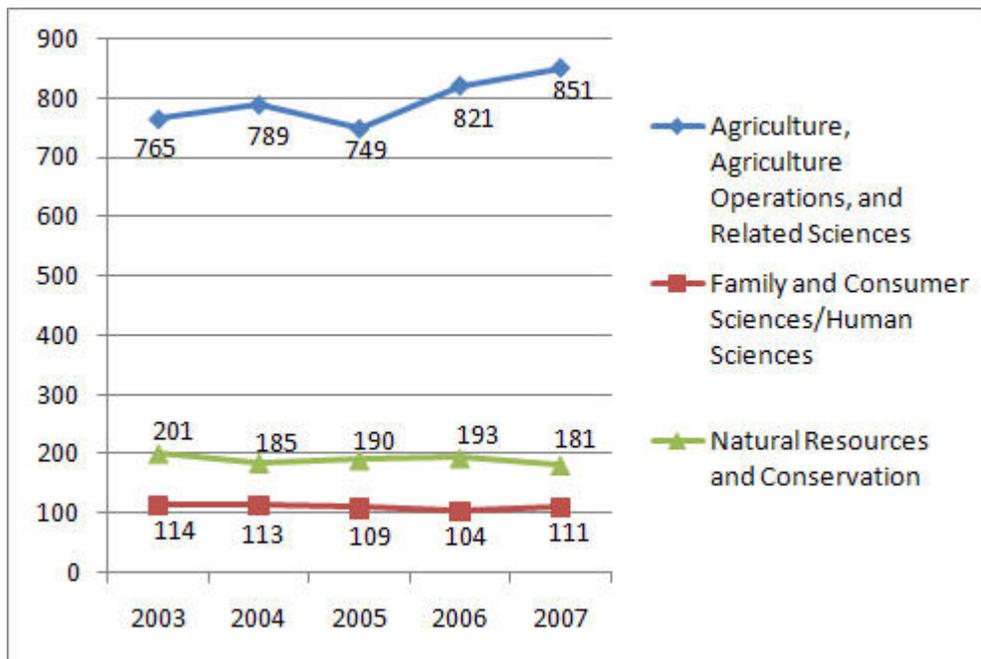
This month's data analysis is looking at the trend in PhD degrees awarded for the five-year period of 2003-2007. The analysis was limited to only those institutions that had data reported for this 5-year period. For the agriculture program area, this corresponds to 55% (29/53) of all the institutions reporting the awarding of agriculture PhD degrees. For the Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) program area this figure is 27% and for Natural Resources and Conservation (NRC) program area, 44% of all institutions awarding PhDs are included in this analysis.

What is evident in the first graph below is an upward trend in PhDs awarded in the Agriculture program area, very little change for FCS program area and a slight decline in PhDs being awarded in the NRC program area.

The subsequent graphs only pertain to the Agriculture program area and use the same list of institutions found in the initial list. These institutions have data for all five years of the analysis. We see an increase of females receiving PhDs in agriculture over the time period, with the number of males receiving PhDs holding steady.

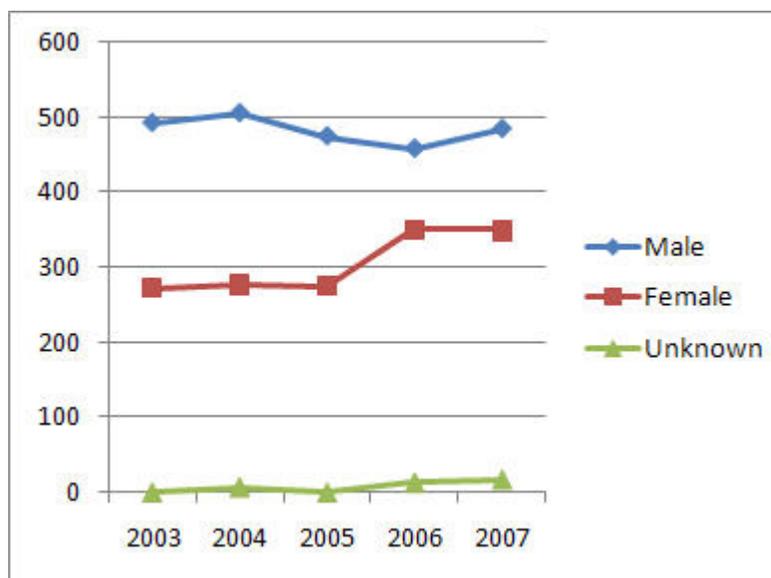
The last two graphs depict the number of agriculture PhDs by race. Groups seeing gains in agriculture PhDs awarded include Whites, Non-US citizens, Blacks and Hispanics.

Doctorate Degrees Awarded in the Three Major FAEIS Program Areas*



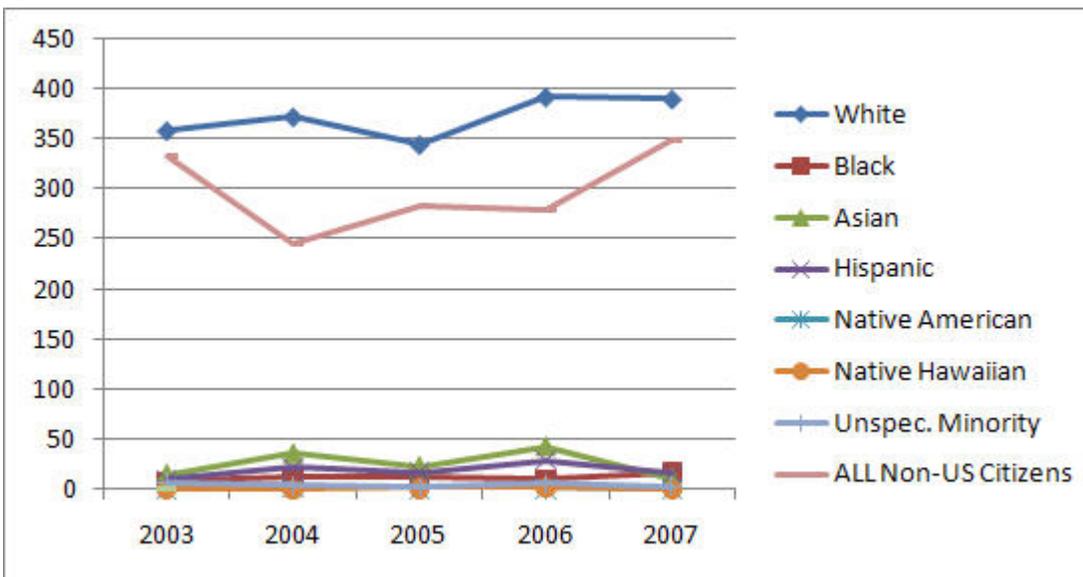
*Only institutions with 5 years of continuous data were included in this analysis.
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Gender of Students Receiving Doctorate Degrees Awarded in the Agriculture Program Area*



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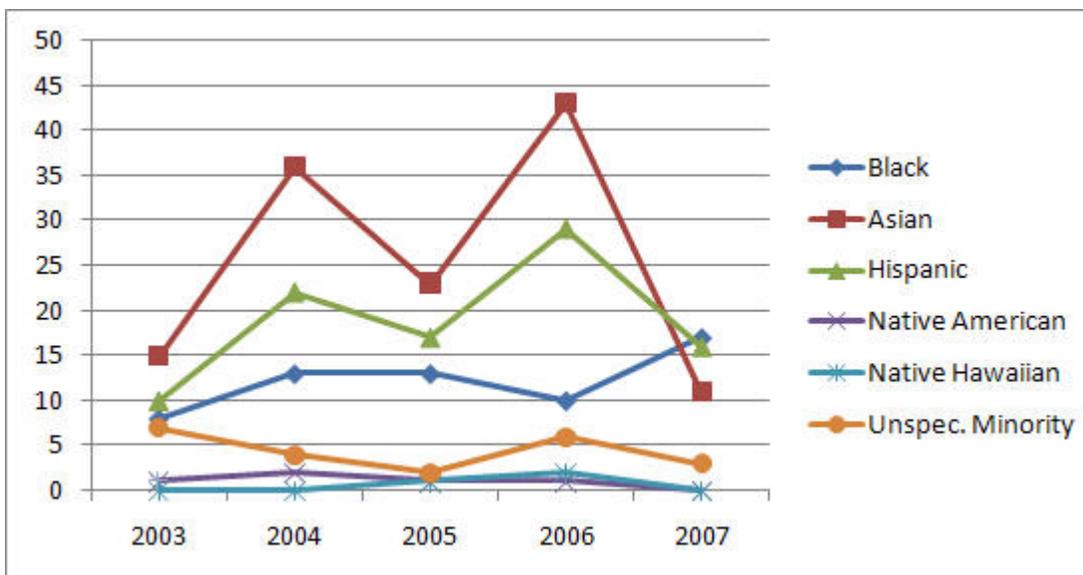
Race of Students Receiving Doctorate Degrees Awarded for the Agriculture Program Area*



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Trend of Minority Students Receiving Doctorate Degrees Awarded for the Agriculture Program Area*



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Preliminary Data from 2008 Surveys

Preliminary data (about 90% of expected) from the FAEIS 2008 student and faculty surveys has been loaded into [Report Builder](#). More data from 2008 will be added as more surveys are received, along with updates for prior survey years as users add and revise their data.

To use the new data, login to [Report Builder](#) with your FAEIS userid and password. Contact the [FAEIS Team](#) for assistance.

Student and Faculty Survey Reminder

We will continue to contact those who have not started or completed their student and faculty surveys. To check the status of FAEIS surveys at your institution, see the [FAEIS](#)

[2008 Survey Status Report.](#)

In addition to the traditional FAEIS surveys, the [Survey of International Programs](#) that began January 2008 is also open for your data input.

THANK YOU to everyone who completed their surveys. We appreciate you taking your time to provide this important information.

Have a question?

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