Mission
Improving knowledge in order to promote the competitiveness of the agri-food sector and the sustainable use of natural resources to enhance the quality of human life.

HOW TO REACH US
DAFNAE is located on the Campus of Agricola, in Legnano, about 10 Km from Padova. It can be easily reached by bus from the Central Bus Station in Padova, by car, either from A4 (Padova Est Exit) or A13 (Padova-Zona Industriale exit) motorways, by plane from Venice (50 Km), Verona (60 Km) and Verona (110 Km) airports.

STAFF
Academic staff: 22 full professors, 30 associate professors and 18 researchers
Technical/administrative staff: 33 laboratory/field technicians and 17 administrative operators
Temporary staff: 60 PhD students, 30 postdocs - 20 research fellows and external collaborators

DAFNAE is a part of the School of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine and offers 1st and 2nd Cycle Degrees (Italian/English), PhD Programmes and organizes several Summer/Winter schools during each academic year.

1st cycle degrees (B.Sc., 3yrs)
Agricultural Science and Technology, Animal Science and Technology, Food Science and Technology, Science and Culture of Gastronomy and Catering, Science and Technology of Viticulture and Oenology.

2nd cycle degrees (M.Sc., 2yrs)
Agricultural Science and Technology, Animal Science and Technology, Food Science and Technology, Science and Technology of the Environment and the Land, Italian Food and Wine (in English), Sustainable Agriculture (in English: double degree with University of Georgia, USA).

Ph.D. programmes (3yrs)
Animal and Food Science, Crop Science.

DAFNAE runs both basic and applied research programmes in several areas of agricultural science, including Agronomy, Chemistry and Soil Science, Plant and Animal Science, Ecology and Environmental Science, Entomology, Food Science and Technology, Plant and Animal Genetics, Genomics and Breeding, Microbiology.

Scientific products
During the last four years, DAFNAE produced more than 180 scientific publications per year, most of which (>75%) published in journals ranking in the first quartile of impact factor of the subject category.

Evaluation of Research Quality
DAFNAE ranked 1st in Italy for quality of scientific research in the field of Agriculture and Veterinary Science (VQR 2004-2010 and 2011-2014).
In 2018 DAFNAE has also been awarded among the Projects for Departments of Excellence by the Italian Ministry of University and Research (CASA 2018-2022).

DAFNAE fosters relationships with local and regional agencies, agroindustries and their associations, businesses, professional associations and foundations.

Patents
DAFNAE’s staff is involved in more than 20 patents, including national and international IP forms, in the scientific areas of agricultural biotechnology, microbiology, agronomy, animal and plant genetics, food technology and oenology.

Facilities and services
The Department hosts several research laboratories among which there are specialized and tariffed analytical services for third-party users: BreedOmics, the Central Chemical Laboratory (LaChi), the Genomics Laboratory (LabGen), and the Sensory Analysis Laboratory (AnSen-Lab).