

Declared Purpose:

The following purpose is for the Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Agriculture 0073-03 (QAN no: 500/8388/0). This is a Technical Level Qualification.

This level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Agriculture is a qualification that provides you with the practical skills and knowledge to help you seek employment or further training within the Agricultural Industry.

Who is this qualification for?

It is for someone who works or wants to work within the Agricultural Industry.

Recommended Entry Requirements:

- Level 2 Certificate in Agriculture
- Level 2 Extended Certificate in Agriculture
- Level 2 Diploma in Agriculture
- Previous practical experience within a farming environment

What does the qualification cover?

The learner will need to complete 6 or 7 units (depending on which ones are selected) to successfully gain this qualification.

The qualification includes a large number of units covering a range of topics. The mandatory units that everyone is required to take are:

- Anatomy & Physiology or
- Plant and Soil Science

There are about 38 optional units that you can choose from, which allow you to pick areas of interest such as:

- Agricultural Crop Production
- Agricultural Livestock Production
- Land-based Machinery
- Estate Skills
- Organic Production
- Farm Habitat Management
- Specialist Workshop Practices
- Dairy/Beef/Pig/Poultry Production
- Grassland Management
- Nutrition and Breeding
- Genetics

For all units you will study both their practical and theory based aspects. You will learn why you need to do and know certain things.

The Subsidiary Diploma is part of a larger suite of Agriculture qualifications, and is broadly equivalent to one A Level. The qualification is typically delivered over one year at College. It allows progression into a number of employment opportunities and can be taken alongside other relevant qualifications such as Level 2 GCSEs in English and/or Maths, or Level 3 qualifications, such as A Levels in Biology of related subjects.

The qualification has been developed in conjunction with industry, and with the support of Lantra, the Sector Skills Council for the Land-based Sector to ensure that it equips learners with the right skills and knowledge to be able to gain employment either directly or following further studies. You may wish to take extra units and progress onto a Diploma or Extended Diploma in Agriculture.

What opportunities are there for employment or progression after I have finished studying this qualification?

The qualification allows you to progress into employment.

You might progress into work as a:

- Farmer
- Assistant Farm Manager (Livestock)
- Assistant Farm Manager (Crops)
- Stockperson
- Herdsman
- Farm Secretary
- Livestock Technician

You may wish to progress onto an Advanced Apprenticeship in Agriculture, which allows you to combine working on the farm, or in a similar job, and typically attending one day a week at College or with a Training Provider.

You might want to go on to Higher Education. The following Higher Education Institutes recognise that this qualification fulfils the requirements for entry onto a range of HE programmes alongside other Level 3 qualifications:

- Harper Adams University
- Aberystwyth university
- University of Brighton

You can go on to study subjects such as:

Agriculture Foundation Degree

BSc (Hons) Agriculture

Agriculture with Animal Science BSc (Hons) Degree

Agriculture with Business Studies BSc (Hons) Degree

Agriculture with Countryside Management BSc (Hons) Degree

This qualification carries 40 to 140 UCAS points (depending on the grade achieved).

See the following link: <http://www.ucas.com/how-it-all-works/explore-your-options/entry-requirements/tariff-tables>

Further information can be found on our website and within the qualification handbook:

<http://www.cityandguilds.com/Courses-and-Qualifications/land-based-services/agriculture/0073-agriculture/level-3>