

Declared Purpose:

The following purpose is for the Level 3 Diploma in Agriculture 0073-03 (QAN no: 500/8487/2). This is a Technical Level Qualification.

This level 3 Diploma in Agriculture is a qualification aimed at providing you with a range of practical skills and knowledge. This will help you to seek employment or progress into further training within the Agricultural Industry.

Who is this qualification for?	<p>It is for someone who works or wants to work within the Agricultural Industry.</p> <p>Recommended Entry Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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?	<p>The learner will need to successfully complete 12 or 13 units (depending on which ones are selected) in order to gain this qualification.</p> <p>The qualification includes a large number of units covering a range of topics. The mandatory units are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anatomy & Physiology or Plant and Soil Science• Investigative Project• Work Experience <p>There are lots of optional units that allow you pick your areas of interest, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Livestock Production• Agricultural Crop Production• Grassland Management• Livestock Breeding and Nutrition• Farm Habitat Management• Agricultural Crop Handling and Storage• Principles of Inheritance and Genetic Manipulation <p>The period of work experience will allow you to gain further first- hand experience of working on the farm or other related agricultural operations. For all units you will study both the practical and theory-based aspects. You will learn how to carry out skills as well as why you need to do and know certain things.</p> <p>You will also get the chance to study an area that really interests you</p>

through the Investigative Project unit.

The Diploma is part of a larger suite of Agriculture qualifications, and is broadly equivalent to two A Levels (two-thirds of a full time curriculum). The qualification provides a significant proportion of skills and knowledge for progression into a number of employment opportunities, but it can also be taken alongside another relevant qualification such as an A Level in Biology, Business or other related subject.

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 want to progress onto an Extended Diploma by taking about 6 more units.

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 work as a:

- Farmer
- Assistant Farm Manager/Farm Manager (Livestock)
- Assistant Farm Manager/Farm Manager (Crops)
- Stockperson/Herdsman
- Technical Advisor/Consultant
- Livestock Technician
- Agricultural Service Engineer
- Unit Manager.

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 (in its own right or alongside another Level 3 qualification, such as an A Level):

- 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

AgrSc with Countryside Management BSc (Hons) Degree

This qualification carries 80 to 280 UCAS points (depending on the grade achieved).

See the following link

<http://www.ucas.com/how-it-all-works/explore-your-options/entry-requirements/tariffables>

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>