

Declared Purpose:

The following purpose is for the Level 3 90-Credit Diploma in Agriculture 0073-03 (QAN no: 600/6048/7). This is a Technical Level Qualification.

This level 3 90-Credit 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?

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

The recommended entry requirements are the level 2 Certificate, Extended Certificate or Diploma in Agriculture and/or previous practical experience within an agricultural environment.

What does the qualification cover?

The learner will need to successfully complete 9 or 10 units (depending on which ones are selected) to gain this qualification.

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

- Anatomy & Physiology
- Plant and Soil Science

There are optional units which allow you to pick areas of interest. Examples include:

- 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 practical and theory based methods. You will learn how to carry out techniques and why you need to do and know certain things.

The 90-Credit Diploma is part of a larger suite of Agriculture qualifications, and is broadly equivalent to one and a half A Levels. The qualification is typically delivered over one year at College. It could be taken post-16 as a stand alone Level 3 one year course with a view to progressing to an apprenticeship, or it could be taken alongside other relevant Level 3 qualifications, such as A Levels in Biology or 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 want to take an approximately 3 or 4 further units to achieve a Diploma, or a further 10 or 11 units to achieve an Extended Diploma, over another year.

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 the following roles:

- 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 a 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 other Level 3 qualifications, such as A Levels):

- 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 60 to 210 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>