Dear Susie

The National Farmers Union is a trade association representing farmers and growers in England and Wales. The NFU believes that the following qualification is suitable for young people between the ages of 16-19 studying in full time education and will help them when applying for a job in the industry.

City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Agriculture (540)

This is a qualification that our members would consider if they were employing someone as an assistant herdsman/stockperson, crop store assistant or an agricultural apprentice.

With regards to the job roles identified the industry recommends that the following skills and knowledge are covered, and these are included in the qualification:

- Health and safety in a farming environment
- Operate machinery (tractor driving)
- Root crop production and storage
- Forage crop production and storage
- Beef production and health
- Sheep Production and health
- Maintenance and repair skills e.g. for gates and fencing

The NFU feels that a learner that has gained this qualification would have a wider range of key practical skills, knowledge and understanding for the agricultural industry.

The NFU confirms that we consent to this letter being available on the City & Guilds website.

Yours sincerely
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