

A CAREER IN Agriculture



Introduction to Agriculture

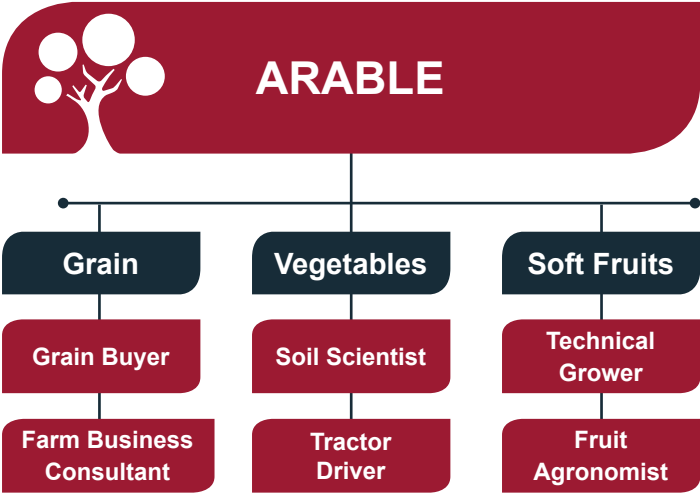
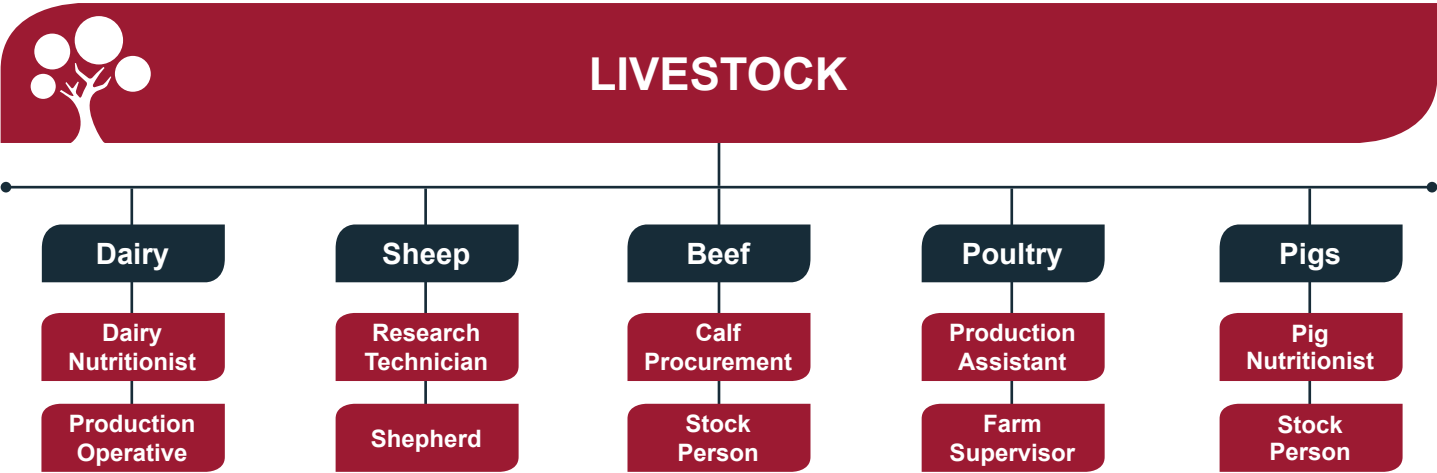
The agricultural industry is diverse, dynamic and rewarding and offers a wide variety of career opportunities.

Whether you are practical, hardworking and like the outdoors or have an interest in leading the way in science and technology, a career in agriculture could be for you.



Career Options

There is a huge demand for new entrants into agriculture, and there are many different pathways into the industry. Perhaps you have a head for science and new technologies, or you prefer being hands-on with livestock. You might also have great communication and marketing skills. There are career opportunities available in the public and private sector, so see the examples of jobs below for inspiration.



80% of Scotland's landmass is used for agriculture



You can specialise in areas such as crop and soil science or work in secretarial and management positions



Food and drink is one of the most important and fastest growing sectors in Scotland

Routes into a career in Agriculture

Depending on your current skills and experience, you could enter at different levels.

JOB LEVELS	VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS	SCQF LEVEL	ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS
Director Level		12	Doctorate
		11	Masters
Managerial Roles	Technical Apprenticeship in Rural Land Use and Management	10	Honours Degree
		9	Degree
		8	HND
Supervisory Roles	Scottish Vocational Qualification	7	Advanced Higher HNC
	Modern Apprenticeship	6	NC Agriculture Higher
Supervised Roles	Scottish Vocational Qualification	5	National 5
	Modern Apprenticeship		NPA Rural Skills
Entry Level		4	Skills for Work: Rural Skills
			National 4
			NC Rural Skills
			Certificate of Work Readiness

USEFUL LINKS

Argyll College UHI www.argyll.uhi.ac.uk
 Borders College www.borderscollege.ac.uk
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Ringlink
 SRUC
 Train Shetland

www.ringlinkscotland.co.uk
www.sruc.ac.uk
www.trainshetland.com

 **40,000+**

You could earn £23,000 as a general farm worker or around £40,000 in a technical managerial role

 **665,000**

Around 665,000 tonnes of malting barley is grown in Scotland for distilling and brewing



Nearly 65,000 people work in Scotland's agriculture industry



Our Stories



Jakob Eunson

Jakob Eunson did a Modern Apprenticeship in agriculture on his family farm in East Voe, Shetland, and won the Agriculture category in Lantra Scotland's 2017 Learner of the Year Awards.

"I breed Shetland cattle and sheep on my family's organic farm, and am involved in everything from growing crops and rearing animals to selling our produce directly to customers. I wanted to offer something different in agriculture, so did a butchery qualification and now can provide a complete service for our customers, from farm to plate. It's easy to be passionate about my job and our products, and I'm looking forward to expanding the business more in the future too."

Claire Simonetta

Claire Simonetta now works as a farmer and agricultural consultant on the Isle of Mull, after having gained a First Class Honours degree in Agriculture through SRUC.

"I grew up in Switzerland, and although I'm not from a farming family, my love for nature and animals eventually took me to live and work on a hill cattle and sheep farm on the Isle of Mull. I love working within agriculture, especially as it plays an increasingly important role for the world's growing population. I'd also like to do my bit to make sure we can feed and accommodate future generations whilst allowing humans and nature to coexist."



Find out more

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