

# A CAREER IN 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.

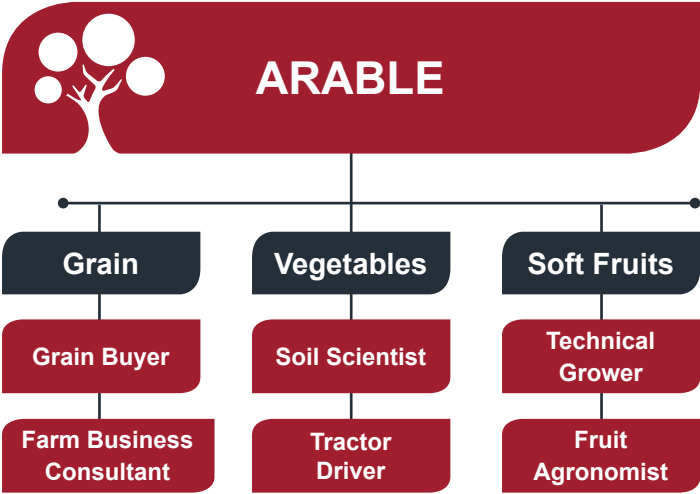
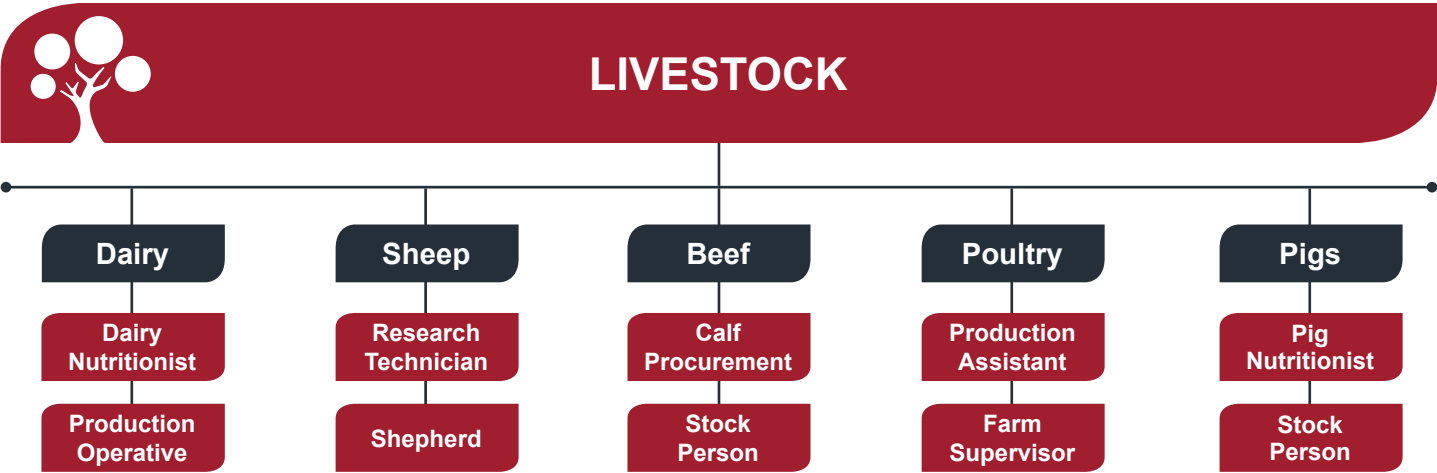
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# Career Options

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	WORK-BASED	SCQF LEVEL	SCHOOL, COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY
Director Level		12	Doctorate
		11	Masters
Managerial Roles	Scottish Vocational Qualification	10	Honours Degree
	Technical Apprenticeship in Rural Land Use and Management	9	Degree
		8	HND Agricultural Science HND Agriculture
Supervisory Roles	Scottish Vocational Qualification	7	Advanced Higher HNC Agriculture HNC Poultry Production Advanced Certificate Poultry Production
	Modern Apprenticeship	6	NC Agriculture Higher NPA Local Food Production
Supervised Roles	Scottish Vocational Qualification	5	National 5 NPA Rural Skills NPA Crofting
	Modern Apprenticeship		
Entry Level	Pre-Apprenticeship	4	Skills for Work: Rural Skills National 4 NC Rural Skills Certificate of Work Readiness
	City & Guilds Level 1		

## USEFUL LINKS

Argyll College UHI

[www.argyll.uhi.ac.uk](http://www.argyll.uhi.ac.uk)

Borders College

[www.borderscollege.ac.uk](http://www.borderscollege.ac.uk)

Borders Machinery Ring

[www.bordersmachineryring.co.uk](http://www.bordersmachineryring.co.uk)

Dundee and Angus College

[www.dundeeandangus.ac.uk](http://www.dundeeandangus.ac.uk)

Orkney College UHI

[www.orkney.uhi.ac.uk](http://www.orkney.uhi.ac.uk)

Ringlink

[www.ringlinkscotland.co.uk](http://www.ringlinkscotland.co.uk)

SRUC

[www.sruc.ac.uk](http://www.sruc.ac.uk)

Tarff Valley

[www.tarffvalley.co.uk](http://www.tarffvalley.co.uk)

Train Shetland

[www.trainshetland.com](http://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



### Erica Taylor

After leaving school at the end of 5th year to find work in agriculture, Erica did a Modern Apprenticeship on a farm in Fife, with support from SRUC.

*"The best thing about working in agriculture is that you're working outside in the fresh air all day. I'm also lucky to have a great boss and to work with a really good team, so there's always lots of help and support. My job is really varied, so there's no chance of getting bored."*

*"It can be challenging at times and you need to work hard, but it is extremely rewarding and you won't regret it. More and more farms are looking to take young people into the industry, so it's a great time to think about starting a career in agriculture."*

### Lawrence Martin

Lawrence always wanted to work in agriculture so after graduating from college he began doing a Modern Apprenticeship on a farm near Stirling.

*"The best thing about working here is probably how varied the role is. Working outside, you can never really predict how the day's going to turn out, so it keeps it interesting and exciting."*

*"I really enjoy what I do here, It's my passion. Doing a Modern Apprenticeship is something I would recommend for people who are either new entrants or from a farming background. It's allowed me to build relationships outwith the farm too and has definitely given me a great foundation for a career in agriculture"*



## Find out more

If you would like more information on training or qualifications, email [scotland@lantra.co.uk](mailto:scotland@lantra.co.uk) or call **01738 310164**.

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