

Level 3 in Agriculture



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Subject	Level	Study Mode	Duration	Start Date
Agriculture	Level 3	Full-Time	1-2 years, depending on study route	September 2026

The Course

Are you looking to launch a career within agriculture? This course is for you. Designed in consultation with employers and professional bodies, it identifies knowledge, understanding and technical skills that employers will need in the coming years. As well as direct entry to employment, this qualification will prepare you for higher study of a specialist degree or Higher National Diploma (HND).

What You Will Study

- > Crop production
- > Livestock husbandry
- > Estate skills
- > Machinery operations
- > Work experience
- > Professional working responsibilities
- > English and/or Maths (if not achieved at grade 4)

Entry Requirements

You will need four GCSEs at grade 4 equivalent, preferably including English and Maths, or a relevant BTEC Level 2/First Diploma or equivalent. One satisfactory reference is also needed.

Time Required on Campus

You will normally be on campus three days per week.

Work Experience

Work experience forms a large part of the study programme. You will need to complete over 300 hours off-site work experience. This has to be undertaken in an area related area to your main qualification and you are expected to secure this prior to commencing the course if possible.

How You're Assessed

There are three main forms of assessment to be aware of: external, internal and synoptic.

Clothing, Equipment and Additional Costs

- > High-visibility jacket/ bib
- > Overalls
- > Steel toe cap boots
- > Wellingtons
- > Waterproofs
- > Lab coat
- > Notepad and pens
- > Smartphone or laptop

Progression

You will be able to progress to degree level study. A range of options, including HNCs and bachelor's degrees, are available at Riseholme College.

Careers

Work on a farm in a supervisory role, managing staff on an arable and livestock farm, as a livestock procurement manager, livestock and crop specialist, agricultural policy analyst and many more.