

The Royal Highland Education Trust

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A Career in Agriculture

Lay out of Session



- About RHET
- Discussion around farming
- Skills required
- Qualifications required
- Personality required
- Quick game
- Learning institutes for Agriculture
- Questions

About RHET





Who we are





RHET

How we do it

What we do



Discussion around farming



- What do farmers do
- Types of Farming & Produce
- Hours of work
- Seasonality
- Regulations
- Global Market v's Local market
- Risk Management in Agriculture

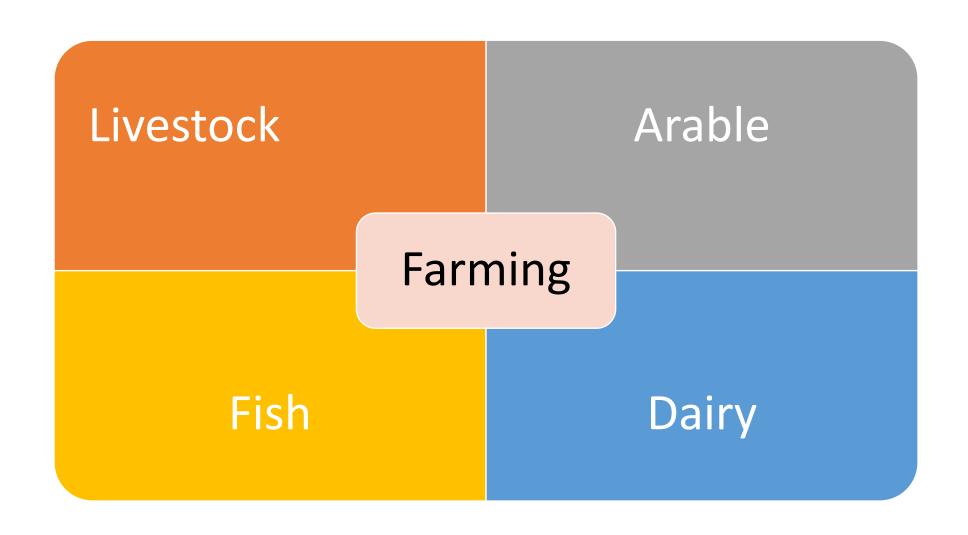
What do farmers do



- Run a business
- Look after livestock/crops
- Maintain the land
- Look after the environment
- Encourage nature
- Engage with farming bodies

Different Types of farming & Produce





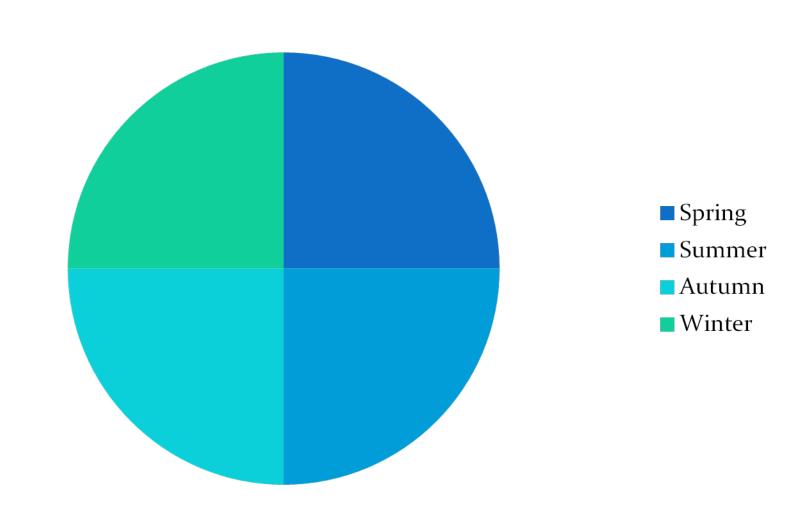
Hours of work – Dairy Farmer



Time	Activity
4.30 – 6am	Milking & feeding calves
6 – 7am	Washing up
7 – 8am	Breakfast
8 – 10am	Bed and feed cattle
10 – 10.30am	Tea time
10.30 – 12noon	Odd jobs – paperwork, field work, maintenance work
12noon – 1pm	Lunch
1 – 3pm	Odd jobs - paperwork, field work, maintenance work
3 – 3.30pm	Cup of tea time
3.30 – 5pm	Milking time
5 – 6pm	Washing up
6 – 7pm	Dinner Time
7 – 9pm	Odd Jobs – check cows

Seasonality





Spring



- Lambing
- Calving
- Ploughing
- Sowing & Planting crops
- Spreading Fertiliser
- Fencing
- Sorting feet
- Vaccinate cows
- Putting Animals out to the field

Summer



- Clipping sheep
- Dipping sheep
- Silage
- Hay
- Harvesting Crops
- Maintenance work
- Draining
- Vaccinate sheep
- Putting bulls out to the cows

Autumn



- Putting rams out to the ewes
- Harvesting crops
- Preparing winter accommodation
- Draw lambs to put to market
- Store cattle to market
- Fat cattle to abattoir
- Bringing in bulls from the cows

Winter



- Bring cows inside for the winter
- Feeding animals
- Bringing in Rams from the sheep
- Split logs
- Odd jobs

Regulations



- Government
- British Cattle Movement Service (cattle)
- Scottish Animal Movement Unit (sheep, pigs and goats)
- Bank
- Animal Health
- Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (land)
- Soil Association
- Society breeds

Skills Required



- Business mind
- Multi tasker
- Good judge of stock
- Mathematically minded
- Eye for detail
- Diversifier
- Forward thinker
- Mechanically minded

Qualifications Required



- Degree in Agriculture (preferred)
- Farm worker (dependant on job wither qualifications required)
- Fork lift operator
- Feed mixer
- Sprayer operators licence
- All Terrain Vehicle operator

Personality Required



Determined/Motivated

Strong work ethic

Organised

Lover of outdoors

Lover of animals

Strong

People person

Independent

• Thick skinned

Patient

Committed

Adaptable

Business minded

Educator

Confident

Approachable

Good listener

Work in all weathers

Game



- In your groups
- 5 minutes to complete both tasks
- Match together
 - Day to day jobs a farmer carries out
 - Other companies/agencies farmers work along side

Other jobs farmers carry out



Broken tractor

Broken fence

Blocked drain

No electricity

Sheds

Paperwork

Leaking roofs

Wooden equipment

Mechanic

Fencer

Drainer

Electrician

Shed builder

Book keeper

Roofer

Joiner

Other jobs farmers carry out



- Burst pipes
- Fallen dyke
- Plant crops
- Dogs
- Take animals to market
- Shear sheep

Plumber

Dry stone Dyker

Agronomist

Dog trainer

Haulier

Sheep shearer

Other bodies farmers work with



Money

Land

Buy animals

Sick animals

Machinery

Advice

Harvest crops

Feeding for animals

Take animals to market

Bank and Accountant

Estate agent

Auctioneer

VET

Machinery dealer

SRUC Advisor

Contractor

Feed company

Haulier

Other bodies farmers work with



Cattle foot trimmed
Foot trimmer

Computer technology Computer specialist

Chemicals
Supplier

Compensation Lawyer

Insurance NFUS

Staff
Recruitment agency

Farm equipment Equipment dealer

Scan animals for pregnancy Sheep/cow scanner

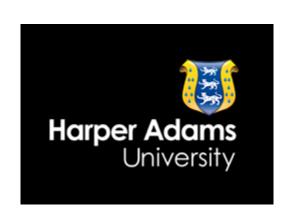
Learning Institutes



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- http://www.lantra.co.uk/
- http://www.harper-adams.ac.uk/







Questions







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