

AGRICULTURE AND AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Overview

Many Agriculture and Agricultural Business Management students go into the [Agriculture and Environment sectors](#). Those interested in pursuing a commercial career away from these sectors could explore: [Business, Consulting and Management](#) and [Marketing, Advertising and PR](#) or [Retail](#) and [Sales](#). These sector links show how the area breaks down, the main graduate recruiters, characteristics of working in the sector and key current issues as well as lists of job roles available in the sector.

Roles

Each job title links through to a broad job description, salary and conditions, entry requirements, typical recruiters and links to further useful information.

- [Agricultural Consultant](#)
- [Agronomist](#)
- [Environmental Policy Officer](#)
- [Farm Manager](#)
- [Field Trials Officer](#)
- [Fisheries Management and Aquaculture](#)
- [Gamekeeping and Wildlife Management](#)
- [Rural Practice Surveyor](#)

You can view additional job roles by using the [Prospects](#) and [All About Careers](#) websites.

Building Experience

- Build work experience for example through [Campus Jobs](#) or [securing an internship](#)
- Find volunteering opportunities: [The Conservation Volunteers \(tcv.org.uk\)](#) | [The Wildlife Trusts \(wildlifetrusts.org\)](#) | [World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms \(wwofinternational.org\)](#)
- Gain some experience by volunteering on campus: [Herbarium](#) | [Museum of English Rural Life](#) or [Harris Gardens](#) (depending on your timetable)
- Apply for a paid research internship [UROP](#) (penultimate year students only)
- Apply for the [Reading Internship Scheme](#) – these are paid summer opportunities with local employers which are exclusive to UoR students. These opportunities, and many others are advertised on [My Jobs Online](#)
- Get a [Thrive mentor](#) and build a relationship with a professional (penultimate year students only)
- Get involved in a society: look at the full list of [societies](#) for one aligned to your interests.

Finding Opportunities

Environment/Conservation

environmentjobs.co.uk/jobs | greenjobs.co.uk | nature.com/naturecareers | nationaltrust.org.uk

Farming

- [Farmers Weekly \(jobs.fwi.co.uk\)](http://jobs.fwi.co.uk) and [Farmers Guardian \(fginsight.com\)](http://fginsight.com) are online farming journals with job vacancies
- [The Grocer \(jobs.thegrocer.co.uk\)](http://jobs.thegrocer.co.uk) has jobs in fast moving consumer goods (FMCG)
- Some large retailers have agriculture/agronomy placements and graduate jobs – they can be less visible than their retail graduate schemes so recommend viewing each retailer’s website directly, for example: [Waitrose Leckford Estate](#) | [Marks & Spencer](#) | [Sainsbury’s](#) | [Tesco](#)
- Farm Management graduate schemes, for example: [MDS](#) | [Velcourt](#) | [Sentry](#)
- Trainee Agronomist, for example: [Frontier](#) | [Agrovista](#)

Further Study/Research

[University of Reading](#) | [Find a Masters](#) | [Find a PhD](#) | [Veterinary Medicine](#) | [Natural Environment Research Council – NERC](#) | [FERA Science Limited](#)

Graduate Jobs

prospects.ac.uk | targetjobs.co.uk | milkround.com | ratemyplacement.co.uk | gradcracker.com

Public Sector/Policy

For roles with companies such as: Natural England; Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; Animal and Plant Health Agency visit civilservicejobs.service.gov.uk or [Environment Agency](#)

For graduate schemes visit faststream.gov.uk (Civil Service) or [National Government Development Programme](#) (Local government)

Rural Surveying

[Estates Gazette \(eqi.co.uk\)](http://eqi.co.uk) | [Central Association of Agricultural Valuers \(caav.org.uk\)](http://caav.org.uk)

Exploring Further

There are a many professional bodies associated with these areas which can provide useful information for example: [National Farmers Union \(nfonline.com\)](http://nfonline.com), soilassociation.org, [Royal Association of the British Dairy Farmer \(rabdf.co.uk\)](http://rabdf.co.uk).

If you have questions or you aren’t sure where to start, why not [book an appointment](#) with one of our Careers Consultants? You can also visit our website and attend our careers events and workshops.

