

Dairy

This full-time dairy education option is offered at:
Teagasc Kildalton College, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny



Dairy Herd Management

Aim: To equip graduates with the knowledge, skills and capabilities for the role of dairy herd technician/manager on their home farm or as an employed farm technician, herd manager.

Programmes: Teagasc Level 5 Certificate in Agriculture Programme & Teagasc Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Agriculture (Dairy Herd Management) Programme.

Duration: 2 years.

Qualifications: These programmes are validated by QQI and lead to a Level 5 Certificate in Agriculture Award (5M20454) and a Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Agriculture (6M20486).

Entry Requirements: Applicants must be 17 years old or over on 1st January following entry to Year 1. Students, who have completed the Level 5 Certificate in Agriculture, or equivalent course, are eligible to apply for the Advanced Certificate in Agriculture (Dairy Herd Management). Applicants with relevant prior learning and/or life experience will also be considered.

Application Process: The initial application should be made for the Teagasc Level 5 Certificate in Agriculture Programme. Applications are made online through the Teagasc public website: www.teagasc.ie/agriculture-courses/.



Transfer and progression

Teagasc/UCD Professional Diploma in Dairy Farm Management: Learners who successfully complete the Advanced Certificate in Agriculture may progress to the Professional Diploma in Dairy Farm Management.

Higher Education Links Scheme: Seek progression opportunities in higher education through the Higher Education Links Scheme, or through advanced entry. Please contact the relevant higher education institute for further information.

What will you study?

Sample content from the Teagasc Level 5 Certificate in Agriculture programme

QQI Code	Title	Level	Credits
5N20368	Principles of Agriculture	5	15
5N20371	Farm Safety and Farm Assurance	5	15
5N20374	Soils and the Environment	5	10
5N20377	Farm Business and Technology	5	10
5N20380	Safe Use of Pesticide Products	5	5
5N20388	Beef Husbandry *	5	10
5N20396	Dairy Husbandry *	5	10
5N20399	Grass Production *	5	10
5N1433	Work Practice	5	15
	Electives*	5	20

Sample content from the Teagasc Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Agriculture Programme (Dairy Herd Management)

QQI Code	Title	Level	Credits
6N20462	Farm Management and Business Planning	6	10
6N20463	Sustainable Farming in the Environment	6	10
6N20464	Sustainable Farm Development	6	15
6N0305	Managing Ruminant Nutrition	6	10
6N3525	Applied Livestock Breeding	6	5
6N20471	Dairy Husbandry Management	6	15
6N20472	Grassland Management	6	5
6N20476	Milking Process Technique	6	5
6N20485	Grazing Platform Designs	6	5
6N1947	Work Practice	6	15
	Electives*	6	25

*Choice of module will be at the discretion of the college/centre