

# Drystock

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



## Drystock Herd Management

**Aim:** To equip the graduate with knowledge, skills and capabilities for a role as a herd – flock manager or farm technician. Graduates of this option may also seek employment opportunities in the broader agri-food sector.

**Programmes:** Teagasc Level 5 Certificate in Agriculture Programme & Teagasc Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Agriculture (Drystock 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 (Drystock 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/](http://www.teagasc.ie/agriculture-courses/).



### Progression

Learners may on successful completion of either Year 1 or Year 2, seek progression opportunities in higher education through the Higher Education Links Scheme, or through advanced entry where it is applicable. 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
5N1433	Work Practice	5	15
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	Sheep Husbandry *	5	10
5N20399	Grass Production *	5	10
	Electives*	5	20

Sample content from the Teagasc Advanced Certificate in Agriculture (Drystock Management) programme:

QQI Code	Title	Level	Credits
6N1947	Work Practice	6	15
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
6N20465	Beef Husbandry Management	6	15
6N20472	Grassland Management	6	5
	Electives*	6	35

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