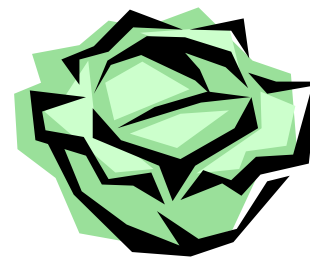


## Working in Agriculture

- In Suffolk 75% of Agricultural land is devoted to arable farming and is one of the most important cereal growing areas in the UK.
- This still leaves an important place for livestock farming; rearing pigs, beef, cattle, poultry and dairy farming.
- Agriculture employs people at many different levels. Some of these careers can be entered at 16-18, while others require you to study for a degree or HND.



### Some career ideas

Livestock Person
Dairy Specialist
Tractor Driver
Arable Technician
Livestock Buyer
Farm Manager
Sales/Marketing
For more information use your careers library or <a href="http://www.connexions-direct.com/jobs4u">www.connexions-direct.com/jobs4u</a>

### Looking for Jobs

- Read Connexions job vacancy posters displayed in school/college or log on to our website [www.thesource.me.uk](http://www.thesource.me.uk)
- Look on the Jobcentre Plus website [www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk](http://www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk)
- Ring or write to employers you would like to work for.
- Ask friends, family & neighbours to help you in your job search
- Read job pages in the local papers especially each Wednesday
- Use the Internet - some employers post careers information and vacancies on their web-site.
- Be sure a job really interests you, if it does, apply immediately
- Register with Connexions when you leave education
- Check Yellow Pages or [www.yell.com](http://www.yell.com) for addresses under the following headings:

Farmers, Fruit and Vegetable Growers, Livestock Breeders and Dealers, Cattle Breeders, Pig Breeders, Poultry Farmers, Agricultural Supplies, Agricultural Contractors, Dairy Farmers

**REMEMBER - to keep on looking for your own employer**

## Training

All jobs involve some sort of training:

- (a) "On the job" training that helps you to do the work on a day to day basis, or
- (b) Training that also leads to a recognised qualification such as an NVQ (National Vocational Qualification)

**An Apprenticeship is a job with training at NVQ level 2 or 3.**

Apprenticeships include improving your "Key Skills" such as communication, numeracy & IT, which are relevant for all jobs and technical certificates related to the type of work.

\* Some training providers offer a Programme led Pathway. This means that you would start by working towards the Key Skills and Technical Certificates at the training centre to prepare you for moving on to an apprenticeship.

**NVQs** are different to GCSEs, because they are very practical and relate to the job you are learning to do. They can be gained in different ways, such as one day per week at college, in blocks of training, once per month in a training centre, etc.

## Training Centres

NVQs in Agriculture will include the following:

- Arable crops and their uses
- Tractor driving and handling
- Machinery maintenance
- Livestock production
- Estate maintenance skills
- Health and safety at work
- Growth and harvesting of crops

## Don't forget ...

For further information about full-time courses in Agriculture at Otley College – including National Certificates – you can refer to the following sources of information:

- Otley College prospectus
- Suffolk 14-19 Learning Opportunities - [www.future4me.org.uk](http://www.future4me.org.uk)

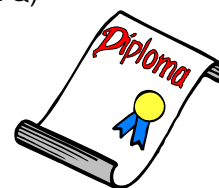
## Time Off for Study or Training

If you are 16 or 17 years of age you have a right to paid time off work for study or training if:

- You are employed
- You did not obtain 5 GCSEs at grades A\* - C or the equivalent (e.g. an Intermediate GNVQ)

The Government has given this right to young workers so that they can:

- Be given another chance to obtain recognised qualifications
- Be more valuable to employers



If you are not receiving training in your job then contact Connexions and ask to speak to someone about your "Right to Time Off for Study and Training"

## Drop in at our Connexions centres - they're open to the public

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Tel. 01284 768493

37 - 43 Fore Street  
Ipswich  
IP4 1JL

Tel. 01473 341800

Opportunity House  
London Road North  
Lowestoft  
NR32 1BH

Tel. 01502 508680

The Cangle Junction  
Haverhill  
CB9 9PF

Tel. 01440 765050  
(Open Mon, Tues, Wed  
10-12am; 1-3 pm)

Freephone: 0800 085 4448

Web: [www.thesource.me.uk](http://www.thesource.me.uk)

Email: [enquiries@connexionssuffolk.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@connexionssuffolk.org.uk)

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