

# Agriculture

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## 2.5% of jobs in Hull and East Yorkshire are in Agriculture

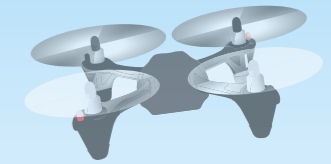
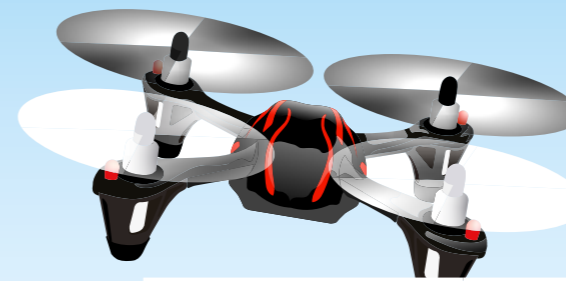
The agriculture sector involves the practice of growing crops and rearing animals to provide food, wool and other products. It includes horticulture, fruit growing, seed growing, dairy farming, breeding and keeping of livestock, the use of land for grazing, meadows, osier (willow), market gardens, nurseries, and some woodlands. Also included in this sector are the forestry and fishing industries.

### Did You Know?

- Around 54% of food on our plates is produced in the UK, including the majority of grains, meat, dairy, and eggs. 54% of our fresh vegetables and 16% of our fruit are also produced in the UK.
- The agricultural workforce in the UK in June 2022 was 470,624.
- In 2022, agriculture's contribution to the UK economy (Gross Value Added) was £13.9 billion, an increase of £1.8 billion (+14.9%) compared to 2021.
- Approximately 69% of land in the UK is used for agriculture. In East Yorkshire this figure rises to around 84%.
- The number of jobs in agriculture in East Yorkshire has grown by 5% since 2015.

### Will there be opportunities available?

- The number of people employed in agriculture in the UK is expected to grow by 3.5% between 2020 and 2035.
- The biggest medium to long term risk to the UK's domestic food production comes from climate change and other environmental pressures like soil degradation, water quality and biodiversity. To overcome these challenges, the sector will be using more innovative and automated technologies, which will drive demand for engineers, scientists, researchers and mathematicians.
- Emerging technologies like vertical farming may go some way towards reducing carbon emissions in the food supply chain and reducing our reliance on overseas fruit and vegetable imports. They may also create exciting new job opportunities in the sector.



Job Title	National Average Salary
Agricultural Engineer	£25,000 to £45,000
Agronomist	£22,500 to £60,000
Farm Manager	£21,000 to £50,000
Farm Worker	£18,000 to £25,000
Forestry Worker	£19,000 to £30,000
Rural Surveyor	£22,000 to £43,000
Tractor Driver	£16,000 to £30,000

Sources: UK Food Security Report, June survey of agriculture and horticulture, BRES, National Careers Service.

### Skills/qualities

- Problem solving
- Attention to detail
- Team working
- High standards of health and safety
- Able to follow instructions

### Useful subjects include

- Technology
- Science
- Maths
- English
- IT

### Some local employers

- [www.colettagardencentre.co.uk](http://www.colettagardencentre.co.uk)
- [www.cranswick.plc.uk/farming](http://www.cranswick.plc.uk/farming)
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**Good to Know:** A lot of new and exciting jobs in the agriculture sector are involved with technologies like electric vehicles, artificial intelligence and robotics, and require a science, technology, engineering or maths (STEM) background.

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