

Business Goals

- Sell high quality milk
- Leading genetics
- High BPI
- High HWI
- High welfare standards



AHC50122

Diploma of Agriculture

Confidently manage farm operations,
people and production



Is this course for you?

Diploma of Agriculture is for you if:

- ✓ You have an understanding and experience in all practical on-farm aspects, in leading a team and are keen to step up into a managerial position
- ✓ You're a farm owner or manager seeking to strengthen your agribusiness management skills
- ✓ You either provide or are seeking a career in providing production advice and services to agricultural enterprises and are keen to develop advanced skills to better analyse information
- ✓ You've partnered into a multi-generational farming family and want to learn all aspects of running the enterprise
- ✓ You're returning to the family farm as part of a succession plan and need to develop the knowledge to run an agribusiness
- ✓ You're interested in pivoting your career as part of tree change and are now working, or looking to work, in agriculture
- ✓ You're keen to deepen the knowledge gained completing the Certificate IV in Agriculture.

How can this course help you?

By completing the Diploma of Agriculture you'll be able to:

- ✓ Plan and manage whole farm production systems
- ✓ Lead staff and manage workforce requirements
- ✓ Prepare and monitor budgets and financial performance
- ✓ Oversee livestock, cropping, soil and pasture systems
- ✓ Implement workplace safety, sustainability and compliance processes
- ✓ Make informed decisions using production and financial data

How is this RIST course different?

The RIST Diploma of Agriculture is delivered via a blended training model which integrates workplace based practical learning with structured theory aligned to manager responsibilities.

We work hard to provide:

- ✓ Hands on, practical skills development with leading industry trainers
- ✓ Training which replicates real-world situations and experiences
- ✓ Small class sizes
- ✓ Flexible delivery
- ✓ A friendly, supportive place to learn
- ✓ Clear career pathways

You'll be learning alongside like-minded students and we encourage you to participate in robust discussions to widen your perspective and deepen your understanding.

Our focus is on developing you into a well-rounded graduate who brings initiative and independent thought into the workplace. A person who is adaptable, resilient, resourceful and technologically competent who can make a positive difference in your workplace and community.

All our programs reflect industry needs and are adapted to meet future trends. RIST trainers and assessors are specialists in their field and industry current. They are well placed to provide high-quality, relevant, up-to-date training so you learn skills that are sought after by industry.

You'll also spend time outside of the classroom actively involved in hands-on practical activities, including workshops, field trips, field days, visiting host farms, and meeting business owners to round out your agricultural knowledge. This direct experience helps you build the skills and confidence needed to apply this knowledge in the real-world.

We are able to offer flexible delivery which blends face-to-face, workplace-based, online, virtual classrooms, and Recognition of Current Competency (RCC). This flexibility means you can build your learning around your lifestyle.

Course Topics

Work Health Safety

Manage workplace health and safety processes including developing appropriate workplace health and safety policies and procedures that demonstrate commitment to workplace health and safety.

Policies and Procedures for Environmental Sustainability

Develop workplace policy and procedures for environment and sustainability on farm and in Agriculture.

Soil Production

Research and analyse soil characteristics. Establish a soil management plan for the enterprise. Develop and monitor appropriate soil amendment practices.

Livestock Production

Assess land resource capability and establish short- and long-term livestock production targets in line with business plans. Determine nutrition requirements for livestock and the most appropriate feeding plan to comply with workplace procedures, work health and safety, animal welfare and biosecurity legislation and codes of practice and sustainability practices.

Manage Enterprise Staff Requirements

Manage people performance using defined employment requirements, performance management practices and training programs. Understand personnel record management and maintenance requirements to meet legislative requirements.

Machinery Management

Implementation of a machinery management system for an enterprise including coordinating and managing services, maintenance and operations of all machinery and equipment.

Crop and Pasture Production

Develop and implement a pasture and crop management program, monitor crop and pasture growth and fodder production, and review production outcomes.

Health and Welfare Strategies

Develop and implement preventative health treatment and welfare strategies for animals to comply with workplace procedures, work health and safety, animal welfare and biosecurity legislation and codes of practice and sustainability practices.

Budgets and Financial Reports

Understand various types of financial reports and when they would be used. Prepare and monitor budgets using financial management systems for specific purpose and audience.

Business Production

Develop and review the enterprise's business goals and vision, its land use, human resource development and financial plans. Plan production for a whole, land-based business including reviewing strategic plans and production goals, developing financial and marketing plans, developing workforce skills and managing land usage.



Course Units of Competency

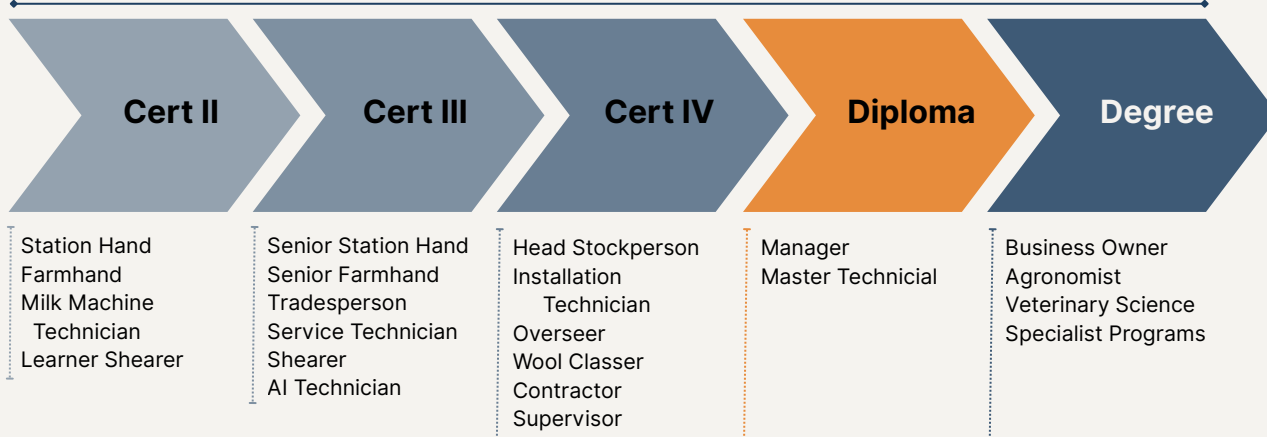
This Diploma of Agriculture has 10 Units of Competency totalling 1350 scheduled training hours. Assessment is focused on your ability to apply relevant knowledge and skills to perform workplace tasks to a specified standard.

Unit of Competency	Group	Scheduled Hours
AHCWHS503 Manage work health and safety processes	Core	90
AHCWRK520 Develop workplace policy and procedures for environment and sustainability	Core	100
AHCAGB520 Plan production for the whole business	B	180
AHCBUS511 Manage enterprise staff requirements	A	140
AHCBUS518 Prepare and monitor budgets and financial reports	A	140
AHCSOL505 Monitor and manage soils for production	A	120
AHCLSK511 Manage livestock production	A	180
AHCLSK513 Develop livestock health and welfare strategies	A	150
AHCMOM502 Implement a machinery management system	B	130
AHCBAC510 Manage integrated crop and pasture production	A	120
Total Scheduled Hours		1350

Course Pathways & Potential Job Outcomes

Entry Point: Secondary School

Entry Points: Applicable ATAR / Early School Leaver / Full & Part-time Workers / Adult Learners



Where are they now?

Katy did not pursue university immediately after high school and filled her life with getting married, buying a house and starting a family. "My passion for agriculture was always simmering beneath the surface. My path to a career in agriculture was a deliberate choice," Katy said.

"I wouldn't be able to study the Diploma of Agriculture without the Jeremy Upton Scholarship. My coursework fits neatly into my family schedule with classes every week.

"Everyone in this industry encourages you to ask questions and is very generous with the knowledge and information they are willing to share. Juggling roles as a busy mum, wife and student is no small feat, but it's worth it.

"The exposure to various enterprises and interactions with respected guest speakers have enriched my learning experience with my studies offering a comprehensive view of the agricultural sector."

Katy McMahon



Scholarships opportunities available to eligible students

Jeremy Upton Scholarship

The Jeremy Upton Scholarship was established in 2023 to honour the legacy of our former RIST Board member and Chairman. Jeremy was passionate about fostering the next generation of agricultural leaders and growing the potential of young people in agriculture and opportunities for lifelong learning. This scholarship is available to a small number of RIST Diploma of Agriculture students for assistance with tuition fees. Speak to us for more information and details about how to apply.

Australian Wool Education Trust

The Australian Wool Education Trust offers scholarships for assistance with tuition fees to a small number of RIST Diploma of Agriculture students who are actively involved in the wool and sheep industry. Speak to RIST about how to apply.

DemoDAIRY Foundation

The DemoDAIRY Foundation offers scholarships for assistance with tuition fees to a small number of students studying the RIST Diploma of Agriculture who are actively involved in the dairy industry. Further information about this scholarship opportunity is available on the DemoDAIRY website: demodairy.com.au/scholarships/



Application process

- STEP 1: Contact the friendly RIST team.
- STEP 2: Register online.
- STEP 3: Participate in a pre-training review.
- STEP 4: Receive your enrolment confirmation.
- STEP 5: Commence your training program.

Details

Course:	Diploma of Agriculture (AHC50122)
Duration:	12 to 24-months
Location:	Hamilton (and Terang subject to demand)
Delivery:	Blended model
Cost:	This training is supported by Victorian Government Skills First funding. Course fees may vary depending on individual circumstances and eligibility criteria to access government support.
Participants:	Limited to small groups of up to 16 participants.
Entry requirements:	Regular access to an agricultural workplace. Completion of a Language, Literacy, Numeracy and Digital (LLND) pre-training review. People of all abilities are encouraged to apply.



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