Funded Skills and Training Courses

If you are an adult working in the agricultural, horticultural and forestry sectors or are a rurally located small business there may be training opportunities you can sign up to.

A range of nationwide events are planned including training courses, workshops, seminars and conferences. These will be part funded through the Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE), managed by DEFRA. All you or your employer would need to pay is 30% of the cost.

Management and Business Skills

A range of courses and events aimed at further developing business management and people management skills within agriculture, horticulture and forestry. The training will equip professional farmers, growers and foresters with the skills, knowledge and experience to become the next generation of forward thinking business people and industry leaders.

Topics include:

- Advanced overview of Farm Management
- Benchmark Your Business
- Building The Team
- Business Development Programme
- CIEH Risk Assessment
- Developing Management Skills
- Developing Leadership Skills
- Employment Law
- Health & Safety
- ILM Awards
- Instructional Techniques
- Modern Farm Economies
- Negotiation Skills
- Performance Management
- Management Accounts
- Succession Planning

To find out what’s available in your area visit:  
[www.ukruralskills.co.uk](http://www.ukruralskills.co.uk)

Or contact 01366 500050
Information and Communication Technology (ICT)

A range of courses and events targeted at the agriculture, horticulture and forestry industries, covering computer skills, use of software packages, integrating computers with other equipment and the use of new technologies.

Topics include:
Crop Management Systems • Livestock Management Systems • Precision farming • Digital Photography • Wireless Connectivity • GPS & Mapping • Accounts software • Payroll Software • CCTV • Mobiles, Bluetooth & Apps • Internet & Broadband • Spreadsheets for Farm Businesses • Electronic Identification

To find out what’s available in your area visit:
www.va-training.co.uk
Or contact 01609 882408

Advanced Skills in Agricultural & Horticultural Crops

A range of courses and events to increase the advanced skills base within the agricultural and horticultural crops industries (including top fruit) to enable businesses to increase efficiency through improved technical processes, develop new products or improve existing products, introduce innovative practices and enter new markets

Topics include:
BASIS • FACTS • Production Techniques • Soil & Land Management • Environmental Glasshouse Management • Advanced Nutrition and Cultivation Techniques, Cover Crops - Field Veg • Optimising Sprayer Technology • Improved Energy Use • Tree Fruit Management • Improving Productivity • Quality Control • Soft Fruit Technical production • Nutrient Management Planning

To find out what’s available in your area visit:
www.ahdb.org.uk
Or contact 0247 669 2051
Advanced Forestry Skills

A range of courses and events targeted at advanced woodland husbandry and advanced woodland Management

Topics include:
- Management of Neglected Woodland
- Improving Timber Quality
- Adding Value to Woodland Products
- Deer Management
- Wood Fuel Production and Supply
- New Entrants to Woodland Management

To find out what’s available in your area visit:
http://rdpe.adas.co.uk
Or contact 01623 848337

Advanced Technical Skills in Viticulture & Viniculture

A range of courses and events to develop advanced technical skills required for viticulture and viniculture including practical skills for the vine growing and the practical skills required for winemaking and bottling.

Topics include:
- Establishing a Vineyard
- Selling Wine Online
- Soil, Vine Nutrition and Fertilisation
- Pest and Disease Control in Vineyards
- Commercial Wine Making
- Wine Marketing
- Wine Distribution Channels
- Bottling & Filtration
- Winter Pruning
- Wine Tourism
- Exporting Wine
- Vineyard Management Practices
- Winery Design
- Wine Analysis

To find out what’s available in your area visit:
www.wineskills.co.uk
Or contact 01273 892128
Uplands Skills Facilitation

A comprehensive facilitation and training package that addresses the specific needs and challenges that upland farmers share in gaining access to skills and knowledge transfer activity. To be eligible for training more than 50% of your land must be within a Severely Disadvantaged Area (SDA).

Topics include:
- Triage for the Herdsman
- Sheep Shearing
- Game and Woodland Management
- Management and Safe Use of Medicines
- Advanced Livestock Nutrition
- Minimising Feed and Rationing Costs
- High Efficiency Hill Farming Systems
- Profitable Suckler Cows
- Succession Planning
- Peat Management
- Costings
- Improving Suckler Cow Fertility
- Managing Rushes to Improve Upland Pasture

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Animal Health and Welfare for Cattle and Sheep

A range of training sessions and events focussing on production related diseases in cattle and sheep, specifically BVD, Johnes, Mastitis, Lameness and sheep scab.

Topics include:
- Vet Disease Briefing
- Industry Seminars
- Johnes & BVD
- Dairy Advanced Technical Workshops
- Dairy Health Seminars
- Mastitis Control Plan mentoring
- Beef Health Seminars
- Beef and Sheep Advanced Technical Workshops

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Or contact 0247 669 2051
Animal Health & Welfare for Pigs and Poultry

A range of training sessions and events for those working in the pig and poultry sectors, to plan disease control strategies on farm and within local groups of farms covering the most pertinent diseases for the sector.

Topics include:
- Endemic Disease Control & Awareness
- Welfare
- Bio Security
- Environmental Enrichment and Tail Docking
- Preparing for Disease
- Minimising Disease Risk
- Lairage - salmonella, handling, euthanasia
- Welfare - Sow Welfare and Enrichment
- Campylobacter and Biosecurity
- Health and Welfare Issues for the Free Range Sector
- Flock Planning

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Marketing Opportunities, Supply Chain Efficiency and Benchmarking

Understanding the many and varied types of marketing opportunities is key for all businesses so that they can optimise sales and business performance. By increasing the understanding of the current market and how to analyse marketing statistics and data, a business can use this knowledge to build market opportunities. Training covers the fundamentals of how to analyse marketing statistics and data, and then apply this knowledge to a typical business situation.

Topics include:
- How to analyse marketing statistics and data
- Understanding the different marketing tools and how to use them
- Identifying, sharing and using knowledge and best practice
- How to maximise market opportunities
- Fundamentals of supply chain efficiency

To find out what’s available in your area visit: http://ccalandskills.co.uk
Or contact 01603 593475
Resource Use Efficiency

The objective is for businesses to become more economically and environmentally sustainable. A range of courses and events are available to enable businesses to find the optimum levels of resources required, to enable both short-term and long-term goals to be achieved without impacting negatively on the environmental sustainability of the locality.

**Topics include:**
- Efficient management of Water
- Understanding and managing Soil structure
- Energy Efficiency including new technologies
- Nutrient Management
- Waste Reduction and Waste Management
- Climate change adaptation and mitigation
- Business consequences of variable weather patterns
- Techniques required to create, for example, more effective farm business resilience plans.

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- [http://rdpe.adas.co.uk](http://rdpe.adas.co.uk)
- Or contact 01623 848337

Rural Business Skills and Traditional Rural Skills

A range of courses and events targeted at rurally located micro-enterprises, rurally located tourism businesses, diversified farm businesses including traditional rural skills. The provision of training through specialist training providers aims to equip individuals and businesses in these sectors with the appropriate knowledge and skills to help improve competitiveness and sustainability of these industries contributing to a better environment and healthy, prosperous communities.

**Topics include:**
- Delivering Excellent Customer Service
- Advanced Stained Glass
- Introduction to Dry Stone Walling
- Traditional blacksmithing
- Better Leadership in Small Businesses
- Charcoal Making
- Health & Safety Procedures and Awareness for Rural Businesses
- Timber Framing

To find out what’s available in your area visit:
- [www.lantra.co.uk/rbs](http://www.lantra.co.uk/rbs)
- Or contact:
  - 01924 256 788 / 07867 908164