



# Farm Note

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## WORKSHOP & TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

This section of the Farm Management Handbook aims to give advice as to what training and workshops are available. If you identify any training area or workshops not covered in this section which you believe you may benefit from, please contact the Department of Agriculture in the first instance.

### Workshop and adult training opportunities

Short courses relevant to agriculture are run routinely and can also be offered on request and there is a wide skill base to choose from:

#### Agriculture

- Wool
  - clip preparation
  - wool handling
  - Quality Falkland Wool
- Livestock
  - assessment of sheep and cattle
  - animal/livestock management
- Agronomy
  - grazing management
  - cropping
- Business skills
  - gross margin
  - benchmarking/cost of production

The Veterinary Section is able to deliver training on a number of areas when requested:

- Livestock transport for hauliers
- Slaughter certificates for abattoir staff
- Basic animal husbandry practices for farmers to do themselves
- Animal health programmes

#### Specialist training

Periodically the Department of Agriculture brings in overseas specialists. These training opportunities are generally offered to all farmers and other interested persons and such courses will be advertised.

## **Training for young adults**

### Trainee Scheme (on the Labour Scheme)

The DoA can provide support for farmers to employ young people interested in agriculture as a career. The support is in the form of a grant to cover the wages cost (£5 per hour) of the trainees.

The overall aim of the scheme is to provide the trainees with on-the-job training so they can gain the full experience of working and living on a farm. This will require the trainee to be provided with accommodation and meals.

Upon joining the scheme the trainee will work on-farm and learn hands on farming skills for up to three months. The skills they will learn will depend on the farm that they work on. Basic farming skills can include: stock work; fencing; general farm maintenance; mechanics; record-keeping (stock and business); doing various jobs in the shearing shed; welding; carpentry; and much more.

One of the key benefits of the scheme is for the trainee to develop skills in these different areas and funding will be granted on this basis.

Anyone who is interested in agriculture as a career from school leaver age up to thirty years old is eligible to join the scheme. You can speak to any of the DoA staff for more information on 27355 or email [kstephenson@doa.gov.fk](mailto:kstephenson@doa.gov.fk) for an application form. Trainee scheme funding comes out of the farm labour scheme allocation.

If you are a farmer interested in being a trainer/mentor or a young person interested in being a trainee please contact the DoA for an application form or contact Ian Campbell.

### Shearing Trainees

The Department recognises the need for young people to learn this valuable skill. To assist novice shearers, this scheme allows for the provision of shearing equipment for up to two months whilst the trainees are building up their skills.

Although trainees will need to speak to a shearer contractor about employment, the Department are willing to provide advice and assistance where possible.

### Work Experience

If you are interested in a career in agriculture and would like to gain some hands-on (unpaid) work experience, then you might be able to join the DoA team for a short period. Please contact us on 27355 for more information.