Build a successful career in the pork industry

Agriculture ITO offers a diverse range of nationally recognised qualifications to suit people of all ages and levels of experience employed in the pork industry.

“I started studying because I was interested in going further in the pork industry and learning more. Having a qualification behind you opens up possibilities and opportunities if you’re prepared to put in the time and effort.”

Nigel Kavanaugh – National Certificate in Pork Production (Stockperson) LEVEL 3

About Agriculture ITO

One of New Zealand’s largest industry training organisations, Agriculture ITO is committed to high quality education and training for people of all ages and levels of experience employed in the agriculture industry. From school leavers, to career changers, to those with lots of industry experience, our training equips people with the knowledge and skills to help them achieve a productive and innovative career in agriculture.

As a non-profit organisation funded by industry and Government, Agriculture ITO provides leadership on education and training, develops national qualifications with industry, maintains national standards, coordinates training, records achievements and provides ongoing support for trainees and their employers.

For further information and assistance call your local Agriculture ITO Industry Adviser today on 0800 242 343, or visit www.agricultureito.ac.nz

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National Certificates in Pork Production
Training through Agriculture ITO – successful careers, successful businesses

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A career in the pork industry

Whether you’re new to the pork industry, already have some work experience, or you are currently in, or progressing towards a supervisory or managerial position, Agriculture ITO offers training and a nationally recognised qualification to suit you.

National Certificate in Pork Production
(Core Skills) LEVEL 2
This qualification, gained on job, is an introduction to modern piggery practices. Ideal for people who are new to the industry, or those that have been in the industry for some time and want a formal qualification. It covers the knowledge and skills relating to pig welfare, husbandry, biosecurity, handling, and health and safety. This course is 100% subsidised by Agriculture ITO and the pork industry.

National Certificate in Pork Production
(Stockperson) LEVEL 3 with strands in Grower Unit, Indoor Operation, and Outdoor Operation
This qualification is for people who are involved with the care of pigs in a pork production unit, and covers the skills required to care for newly weaned pigs, prepare pigs for transport and maintain the health and welfare of pigs and their environment. Electives allow participants to select topics which are relevant to their job and career goals.

National Certificate in Pork Production
(Herd Manager) LEVEL 4
This qualification is for people who are managing a pork production breeding unit. People will gain knowledge of caring for a pig herd at all stages of development, breeding and breeding programmes, diseases and disorders, physical and financial performance of a unit, health and safety, and biosecurity issues. Elective topics include pork production, first aid and agrichemical use.

National Certificate in Pork Production
(Grower Unit Manager) LEVEL 4
This qualification is for people who are managing a pork production grower unit concerned with growing pigs from weaner stage by optimising feed and growth rates. People will gain knowledge of the care of weaner and grower pigs, diseases and disorders, physical and financial performance of a unit, health and safety, and biosecurity issues. Elective topics include pork production, first aid and agrichemical use.

Gaining a qualification through Agriculture ITO builds successful careers and successful businesses

For learners:
- training to suit all ages and levels of experience
- gain a nationally recognised qualification at your own pace while working
- learn while you earn
- training that is up-to-date, relevant to your job and in demand
- combination of on-job and off-job learning (LEVELS 3 & 4)
- affordable, subsidised training fees
- ongoing support from Agriculture ITO Industry Advisers.

For employers and owners:
- enhanced productivity and profitability
- positive learning environment for staff
- improved health and safety in the workplace
- training that is incorporated into current responsibilities
- increased employee job satisfaction and staff retention
- ongoing support from Agriculture ITO Industry Advisers.

Training pathway in Pork Production

Your Industry Adviser is available to guide and advise you on the training options that best suit your career needs.

Call 0800 242 343 to talk to one of our Agriculture ITO Industry Advisers.