



Welcome to
Bicton

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We are looking forward to you joining us in the autumn. You may have studied this subject already or this might be completely new to you. Whatever your starting point, we are ready to support you with your learning.

You will find a range of resources below to help you prepare for your course. Keep notes about what you have found out or learnt to support your learning later on.

Read

Farmers weekly & Farmers Guardian: Weekly news and articles about the industry.
South West farmer: Covers national and local agricultural issues
Subject specific magazines: Arable farmer, Beef & Sheep farmer



Countryside online – Contributing to the economy <https://www.countrysideonline.co.uk/food-and-farming/contributing-to-the-economy/>

Why is agriculture important to the UK?

19 intriguing UK farming facts <https://cropscience.bayer.co.uk/blog/articles/2019/10/farming-facts/>

Which facts did you find most interesting?

Watch

Countryfile: BBC 1 Sunday evening, weekly programme covering agriculture, consumer and countryside issues. A significant source of information for the general public, you need to be seeing what they are watching.

Inside the Factory: BBC 2 series looking at food processing and production on a large scale. See what happen to the food we produce.



Future of agriculture

Do you agree or disagree with the content of this?

What other developments do you think might occur?



Farm safe – Machinery & Livestock

List 5 accidents that may occur when using and repairing machinery

Describe when livestock are most likely to cause injury?

How can injuries from livestock be prevented?



Cattle handling

Describe the 'point of balance'

What happens when you move forward of the point of balance when passing a cow?

What is the 'flight zone'?

What factors influence the flight zone of an animal?



AHDB (Agricultural & Horticultural Development Board <https://ahdb.org.uk/> A wealth of research information and training. Frequently updated including video clips, webinars and literature

Listen

BBC radio 4 Farming Today programme (5.45am) Also available as podcasts. Current agriculture and countryside issues.

What do you think are the biggest issues facing agriculture in the next 5 years?

AHDB podcasts <https://ahdb.org.uk/podcast> A whole host of very useful information covering current issues and technical content for the pig, dairy, beef, lamb, potato and arable industries.

Find one podcast that really interests you, why was it interesting, what did you learn from it, can you find any more information on the subject?

Get Involved

Young farmers if you are not already a member (devonyfc.co.uk)

Facebook: Friend Agric Bicton it's a great way of keeping in touch

