# **Agriculture**

## What is Agriculture?

Agriculture is an academic discipline of Science that involves the study of various scientific, technical and business subjects related to agriculture, horticulture, farm management, poultry farming, dairy farming, agricultural biotechnology, etc. The scope of a career in Agriculture has grown tremendously in recent times with cutting-edge research and continuous innovation in the industry.

## **Agriculture Eligibility & Entrance Exams**

Students can pursue a course in Agriculture at both undergraduate (UG) and postgraduate (PG) levels. Given below is generic eligibility criteria for agricultural courses offered at both levels. It may be noted that the eligibility criteria mentioned below might vary depending on the course and specialisation/ branch chosen by a candidate.

**UG level**: Candidates should clear class 12th in Science stream with at least 45%-50% aggregate marks.

**PG level**: Candidates should obtain a bachelor's degree with at least 45%-50% aggregate marks.

#### Top Agriculture Entrance Exams in India

Some of the top/ popular agriculture entrance exams in India include:

Top Agriculture Entrance Exams		
ICAR AIEEA	MCAER CET	
CG PAT	UPCATET	

# **Agriculture Branches**

Agriculture courses in India are offered across a broad range of branches/ specialisations. Given below are some popular agriculture branches in India:

Popular Agriculture Branches in India		
Livestock Production	Crop Production	
Agricultural Economics	Agricultural Engineering	
Plant Pathology	Entomology	
Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry	Plant Breeding and Genetics	
Agronomy	Horticulture	
Agriculture Statistics	Extension Education	
Seed Technology	Nematology	
Plant Physiology	Forestry	

Agricultural Biotechnology	Food Production
Food & Beverage Service	Agricultural Entomology
Dairy Technology	Dairy Engineering
Poultry Farming	Fisheries Science

### **Agriculture Jobs & Careers**

There are a plenty of jobs available for graduates and postgraduates in Agriculture in both private and public sectors. The salary packages depend on the level of job experience of candidates and the branch of agricultural science that they are in. However, monthly salary of a fresh graduate can typically range from Rs 10,000 to Rs 25,000.

#### Some of the popular agriculture job profiles in India include:

Popular Agriculture Job Profiles		
Agricultural Scientist	Agriculture Officer	
Production Manager	Farm Manager	
Food Microbiologist	Food Researcher	
Crop Specialist	Fertilizer Sales Representative	
Plant Geneticist	Soil Surveyor	
Agricultural Engineer	Agricultural Food Scientist	
Agricultural Inspector	Agricultural Manager	
Agronomist	Aquatic Ecologist	
Arborist	Horticulturalist	
Forester	Conservation Planner	
Water Conservationist	Soil And Plant Scientist	
Soil Engineer	Silvicultural Researcher	

# **Top 10 Agricultural Universities**

- ICAR-National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI)
- ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute
- GB Pant University of Agriculture & Technology
- Chaudhary Charan Singh, Haryana Agriculture University
- ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute
- Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University
- Punjab Agricultural University
- Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University
- Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya