Hello and welcome to OTEN’s Agriculture section.

In this section we have a range of courses suitable for the small farmer, the tree-changer or those wishing to work their farm or work on a farm. Whether it be beekeeping, livestock production, fruit, vegetable and flower production or tractor operations, we have the course for you.

For lifestylers we have Farming Small Areas, suitable for those wanting help to choose a small farm and for those trying to work out what enterprise to carry out on the farm. Hundreds of OTEN students have gained benefit from this course over the last 10 years so.

Our Certificate III in Production Horticulture course provides the skills to plan, plant and maintain a vegetable, flower or orchard crop and to harvest, pack and market these products to meet the requirements of the demanding consumer.

For those working a farm, or intending to work on a farm, our Agriculture Certificate III course may suit. The sixteen units in this course will teach you:

- to plan, plant, improve and maintain pastures for stock,
- to assess soil and determine fertiliser needs,
- to maintain, handle and feed your stock,
- to fence,
- to control weeds and apply pesticides,
- to operate and maintain machinery,
- to consider the effect of weather on your enterprise, and
- monitor the effect your enterprise may have on the environment.

Beekeeping for fun or profit can be gained from our Beekeeping course. It is a true introductory course designed to take you from a standing start to a level where you can comfortably handle bees and hives and understand how bee colonies work, with information on pollination, bee products, bee diseases, parasites and pests

Operate Tractors provides successful candidates with the national competency, which is a requirement to fulfil the OH&S obligations of employers requiring their employees to use tractors. It also includes the hitching, unhitching and setting of attachments.

Depending on the course you enrol in, your studies will include a mix of on-line activities, written assignments and practical tasks, attendance at practical sessions, field work, study via course notes, texts, CD’s and workplace experience.

Good luck in choosing your agricultural study program and don’t hesitate to contact a teacher if you are unsure which course suits you best.