

Market Gardening Course

(Component Award)



About the Course

The Teagasc College of Amenity Horticulture at the National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin and Teagasc Kildalton College, Co. Kilkenny are offering a QQI Level 6 component award in Market Gardening which will equip the learner with the knowledge and skill to plan and implement production programmes for a full range of fruit and vegetable crops in Ireland. This course will lead to a minor award at NFQ Level 6 in Market Gardening (6N3614).



Who should Apply?

This course is designed for anyone already employed in the area of fruit and vegetable production, market gardening and garden centre areas, where staff need to be trained to answer questions from the public on all aspects of fruit and vegetable production.

It is suited to those who are embarking on a career in the garden centre industry, fruit and vegetable growing and market gardening and wish to develop a better understanding of the science and skills underpinning these subjects.

Progression

This award is a component part of the Advanced Certificate in Horticulture programme offered at The College of Amenity Horticulture, Glasnevin and Teagasc Kildalton College, Co. Kilkenny. On completion of this module, students can take other part-time modules that are complimentary to Market Gardening.



Module Content

On completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Explain current regulations regarding protection of waters against pollution
- Describe quality assurance schemes and codes of practice relevant to the fresh product supply chain
- Explain the regulatory system for plant protection and biocidal products
- Examine the production of plants for transplanting
- Examine crop production techniques
- Design a crop schedule for a range of crops
- Devise an integrated pest and disease management plan
- Identify relevant pests and diseases
- Cultivate a range of crops including all necessary routine skills
- Investigate new crops and technologies relevant to market gardening
- Ensure implementation of procedures to create and maintain a safe working environment

Course Structure

In the National Botanic Gardens College, the course will be offered over a 16 week period commencing in early November. At Teagasc Kildalton College, Co. Kilkenny, the course will be offered from early January. Students will attend the College on one or two days each week and will be required to undertake a programme of learning of a range of practical growing and maintenance skills and class based training at either college. College personnel will assess these skills.

Please contact the college of your choice to access the precise mode of delivery and current fees.

Entry Requirements

Applicants must complete an application form and submit it to the college of their choice by end of May. Application forms are available from the College office, Teagasc College of Amenity Horticulture, Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, Dublin 9. Tel: 01-8040201 or Email: botanic.college@teagasc.ie

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