

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY – STUDENT/GRADUATE JOB VACANCY

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Name of Employer: School Farm Estates
Vacancy Type: Full-time, summer role. May – September 2026 (flexible)
Full-time/Part time : Monday – Friday, 8am – 4.30pm.
Start date: May (flexible)
Background: A diversified 850 acre arable farm set in North Essex.
The Role: Estate Maintenance Assistant

We are looking for an enthusiastic, reliable and proactive individual to join our team as an Estate Maintenance Assistant. This is a varied, hands-on role supporting the upkeep and development of a working mixed estate, including farm areas and holiday accommodation.

In this role, you'll be involved in a wide range of tasks to help keep the estate looking its best. Day-to-day duties include grass cutting, strimming, hedge trimming, fencing and general grounds maintenance. You'll also support both planned and reactive maintenance across estate buildings, including holiday lets, farm structures and other facilities.

You'll work closely with the wider team – and occasionally external contractors – on renovation and improvement projects. There will be opportunities to assist with routine repairs such as basic carpentry, painting and decorating and minor plumbing tasks.

Alongside general maintenance work, you may also help with machinery operation and basic upkeep (training can be provided), as well as maintaining tools and equipment and supporting health and safety standards across the estate.

This is a great opportunity for someone who enjoys practical, outdoor work, takes pride in a job well done, and is keen to build a broad range of maintenance and estate management skills in a supportive team environment.

Degree: N/A
Permanent/temporary: Paid placement (approx.15 weeks)
Location: Essex, CO9 2SN
Personal requirements: A full valid driving license is essential.

Practical experience with machinery and equipment is strongly preferred, including safe operation, basic maintenance and a good understanding of how to use tools effectively.

A hands-on approach, with good practical skills across general maintenance tasks such as basic carpentry, painting, fencing or similar.

Ability to work both independently and as part of a team, with a proactive and flexible attitude.

Self-motivated, reliable and able to manage time effectively to complete tasks to a high standard

A strong awareness of health and safety, particularly when working with machinery and tools

Previous experience in a similar role (estate, farm or property maintenance) would be an advantage.

Other requirements:

Salary/Package: Competitive hourly salary

How to apply: Please email CV and short covering letter to emma@schoolfarmestates.com

Contact Name and Position: Emma Sunnucks – Estate Manager

Email Address: emma@schoolfarmestates.com

Telephone Number:

Closing Date for applications: 15 May 2026

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