



ROTHAMSTED RESEARCH

Join the future of Farming at Rothamsted Research

Rothamsted Research is one of the UK's most prestigious and historic scientific institutes, offering a unique opportunity to contribute to pioneering work shaping the future of resilient agriculture. Your skills will support innovative field trials and practical farming solutions with real-world impact.

Based at Harpenden Farm in Hertfordshire (AL5 2JQ), you'll join a supportive, skilled team where your experience is valued and development encouraged. This is a modern, research-driven farm where you will build your expertise while helping advance resilient farming practices.

Farm & Field Trials Operator – Harpenden Farm

Salary: £31,165 to £38,956 depending on experience

Contract: Full-time (37 hours per week), plus overtime & below-market-rate accommodation options

Are you an experienced arable operator looking for your next step? This role combines commercial farming with cutting-edge research field trials, offering real variety and purpose

What you'll be doing:

- Supporting safe, efficient operations across commercial and trial areas
- Contributing to field trial delivery and maintenance
- Working closely with researchers and technical teams

What We're Looking For

- An experienced Arable Operator confident with modern farming practices
- Solid IT skills to maintain accurate records (eye for detail) and follow protocols
- Strong awareness of Health & Safety
- A practical, problem-solving mindset with openness to innovation

Agricultural Mechanic – Harpenden Farm

Salary: £37,191 – £46,489 depending on experience.

Contract: Full-time (37 hours per week), plus overtime & below-market-rate accommodation.

Are you a skilled agricultural mechanic looking for a role with real impact? Do you have experience and passion working with tractors, trailers, cultivators and general farm equipment? We would like to hear from you.

What you'll be doing:

As a key member of the research farm management team, you'll ensure our fleet of commercial and trial machinery operates safely, efficiently and at peak performance. You'll be the go-to expert for all machinery, ensuring machinery health, maintenance and safety, helping the farm team deliver vital research outcomes.

- Maintaining a wide range of farm and trial equipment, including daily machinery checks, ensuring compliance across the farm
- Promoting Health & Safety standards and ensuring best practice
- Working closely with farm colleagues and research teams to enable research activity
- Providing hands-on support to the team through busy periods
- Line management responsibility, including training for the Agricultural Mechanic Farm Technician (where applicable)

What We're Looking For

- An industry-recognised agricultural engineering qualification
- Experience with rough terrain handlers
- Strong positive communicator and team-focused attitude

What Rothamsted can offer you

- 30 days annual leave plus bank holidays
- Generous Pension scheme / Life assurance
- Employee Assistance Programme
- Cycle to Work Scheme
- Shopping discounts
- On-site and local cultural and recreational amenities
- Opportunities for further training and qualifications relevant to the role on the Harpenden Farm.

To apply and find out more, go to: www.rothamsted.ac.uk/careers-rothamsted
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