

# Rodent Control on Farms

## At a glance...

### Training (with Assessment)

**Duration Notes:** The expected duration for the course is one day, however please note this may vary according to factors such as level of experience, modules or attachments selected, or the ratio of instructors to learners.

**Delivery Method:** Classroom and practical demonstration

### Introduction

Learn to control rodents in an agricultural setting and gain an industry recognised certificate that has been a requirement from 2016, with our one-day rodent course.

### Overview in brief

Rodent control is a key job in many agricultural businesses.

But ensuring the management of rat and mouse problems is both humane and effective requires specific training.

That's where our course comes in.

Our comprehensive training is ideal for anyone undertaking pest control in land-based or related industries.

It's designed for both novice and more experienced operators.

### The finer details

This is an integrated training and assessment course.

You'll receive a nationally-recognised certificate of competence once it is completed.



Our course involves a balanced mix of theory and practical sessions.

We'll provide a full working knowledge of both preventative and curative control methods.

You'll learn how to implement and monitor an appropriate control programme.

Assessing and using the most efficient and safe methods with due regard to the environment will be central to what you learn.

Key legislation and how to use, transport and safely dispose of rodenticides will also be covered.



### **Course sessions:**

- Legislation that affects pest management
- Common terms for using biocides
- Public health biocides product labels
- Safe storage and transport of biocides
- Disposal of biocides and containers
- Keeping biocide records
- Specific legislation and best practice for the management and control of rats and mice
- Target pest species
- Non-target species
- Site surveys
- Evaluate control options
- Control programmes.

### **Who should attend?**

Our course is for anyone who wishes to control rodents in a commercial environment or undertake pest control predominantly in land-based or related industries.

### **What will be covered?**

By the end of the course, you'll be able to:

- Understand your responsibilities under the law and help you become a safe and competent biocide user
- Interpret and use product label information
- Store and transport biocides safely
- Dispose of biocides and containers safely
- Record information correctly
- Identify rats and mice and the typical symptoms of damage caused
- Identify non-target species



- Identify the degree and source of an infestation
- State the legislative obligations and responsibilities relevant to the control of rats and mice
- Describe the lifestyle, habits and habitats of rats and mice
- Plan, implement and monitor an effective control programme for rats and mice
- Select and carry out the most appropriate methods of rat and mouse control, in line with current legal guidelines and recognised good practice
- Understand the effect rodent control can have on the environment and ensure risks to non-target animals are minimised.

