**X. ASSOCIATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMS**

**Program Information**

As a result of an enhanced contract agreement between the University of Guelph and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) effective April 1, 1997, the Agricultural College at Ridgetown now operates as a Campus of the University of Guelph. Two-year diploma programs are offered at the Ontario Agricultural College, University of Guelph and at Ridgetown Campus with financial support from OMAFRA.

The diploma programs offers a blend of the theoretical and practical courses designed to prepare graduates to assume a broad range of positions in the agricultural and food industries. All programs offer courses in applied science, business management, production and marketing. Specific diploma programs offered at Ridgetown Campus has a standardized core curricula to ensure common standards are maintained. Common core courses are supplemented with electives with specific regional specializations.

The programs run for two semesters beginning in September until late April followed by a one semester summer break. Second year classes resume in the following semester and when students successfully complete all of the associate diploma requirements they graduate with an Associate Diploma.

**Associate Diploma Programs and Locations**

**Guelph Campus**
- Turfgrass Management

**Ridgetown Campus**
- Agriculture
- Environmental Management
- Equine Care and Management
- Horticulture
- Veterinary Technology