

ASSIGNMENT BOOKLET

**Diploma in Agricultural Cost Management
(DACM)**

**January 2026 sessions
and
July 2026 Sessions**



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Dear Students,

The Diploma in Agricultural CostManagement(DACM) consists of 6 theory courses. The assessment of theory courses is done in two components, i.e. continuous assessment (assignment) and term-end examination. The weightage for the term-end examination will be 70per cent, and the weightage for the continuous assessment (assignment) will be 30per cent. There is one assignment for each theory course, thus a total of six assignments for the programme. Each assignment will be of 100 marks, which ultimately will be converted to have a weightage of 30 % of the total marks.

Before attempting the assignments, please read the following instructions carefully.

1. First of all, read the assignment /questions and instructions carefully and identify the components of an assignment. You should read the relevant sections and sub-sections of a unit while preparing your responses, and write answers in your own words. Your responses should not be a verbatim reproduction of the textual materials/blocks provided for self-learning purposes. We also suggest that you read additional materials available in your study centre or any other library before preparing your responses. But extra reading is not a must to answer these assignments.
2. **On the top of the first page of your answer sheet, please write the details exactly in the following format.**

Enrolment no.:
Name:
Address:
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Course Code:
Course Title:
Study Centre:
(Name and Code)
Date:

3. Use foolscap-size paper for writing your answer.
4. Leave a 4 cm margin on the top, bottom, and left of your answer sheet.
5. Indicate the question number and part of the question being solved while writing your answers.
6. Assignments have to be sent to the Programme Coordinator of your study centre.
7. **We strongly suggest that you retain a copy of your assignment responses.**

Wishing you good luck.

Assignment -4

Course Code: BAM-004
Course Title: Farm Cost Management
Session: January and July, 2026

Maximum Marks: 100

Note: Attempt any five questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1.	Discuss the importance of value chain analysis in agribusiness. Explain the steps performed in value chain analysis in agribusiness.
2.	Describe the components and importance of supply chain management. How is it different from the traditional management chain?
3.	Discuss the concept and importance of logistics management. What are the challenges in agricultural logistics? Also, suggest measures to improve agricultural logistics.
4.	What is an agri sales budget? Discuss the points considered by the farmers in preparing the agri sales budget. Prepare a format of a quarter-wise agri sales budget of an agri farm.
5.	Explain the meaning of cost variance analysis in agriculture. Discuss the steps involved in it. What are the benefits of using variance analysis in farm cost management?
6.	Explain the perceptions of the farmers towards risks. Explain the principles of risk management. Briefly discuss the risk management strategies in agriculture.
7.	Define crop mix. What are the steps a farmer has to follow in planning a crop mix?
8.	Discuss the sources of ancillary income in agriculture. What are the factors that contribute to the generation of ancillary income in agriculture? Also, explain the role of ancillary income in augmenting farmers' income.