



**Plumpton College**

**Plumpton College at Netherfield  
Centre for Sustainable Food & Farming  
Course Information**

<b>Course Name:</b> Bacon and Gammon Curing	<b>Tutor:</b> Angie Wilkins
<b>Venue:</b> Homestead Farm Netherfield Nr. Battle East Sussex TN33 9QL	<b>1 day course</b>
	<b>Start Time:</b> 10 am
	<b>Finish time:</b> Approx. 4 pm
<b>Designed for:</b> Farmers, chefs, food retailers and others interested in making bacon for their own use or for selling. No previous experience needed.	
<b>Aims of the course:</b> To introduce participants to the main principles of wet and dry curing pork for the production of bacon and gammons.	
<b>Typical number of delegates:</b> 4	<b>Course runs approximately three times a year</b>
<b><u>Course Timetable</u></b>	
<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Registration, coffee/tea</b>
<b>10.15</b>	<b>Discussion on:</b> Food Hygiene, Equipment Salt – effects, ingredients for curing Cuts used for bacon & gammon, pig breeds used for curing
<b>10.45 Practical:</b>	Mix salt for dry curing Salt bacon pieces
<b>11.30 Practical:</b>	Mix brine, Put gammons into brine Use brine pump
<b>1.00 -1.30</b>	<b>Lunch (bring packed Lunch – hot drinks provided)</b>
<b>1.30</b>	<b>Practical continued:</b> Boning & Slicing Bacon Tasting
<b>3.30</b>	<b>Cleaning:</b> Machinery and surfaces
<b>3.45</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee</b> - discuss results, complete paperwork
<b>What you need to bring:</b> Hot & cold drinks are provided, but you will need to bring a packed lunch. The course takes place at an unheated cutting room so please bring warm clothing when the weather is cold. You are welcome to bring a camera, pen and paper to record information. <b>As an ongoing precautionary measure, please ensure that items of clothing and footwear used previously on another farm, have been thoroughly cleaned.</b>	
<b>Course Outcome:</b> College Certificate	
<b>Follow on course suggestions:</b> Pork Butchery, Sausage Making, Salami Making, Food Smoking, Direct Meat Marketing. <b>For dates and further course information please contact Plumpton College at Netherfield</b> <b><a href="http://www.thenetherfieldcentre.co.uk">www.thenetherfieldcentre.co.uk</a></b>	
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