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Plumpton College Centre for Sustainable Food Farming & Forestry Course Information

Course Name: Managing a Beef Herd	Tutor: Angie Wilkins
Venue: Ivyland Farm Netherfield Nr. Battle East Sussex TN33 9QB	1 day course
	Start Time: 10am
	Finish time: 4pm
Designed for: Any one who is interested in starting their own beef herd. No previous experience needed. Covers equipment, feed and keeping herd records. Includes a visit to beef on the farm.	
Aims of the course: To introduce participants to the main points that need to be considered when keeping a beef herd.	
Typical number of delegates: 8 -10	Course runs approximately twice a year
<u>Course Timetable</u>	
10.00 am – 10.30 am	Course administration/ tea or coffee/introductions Holding Number Herd Number
10.30am – 12.30pm:	Cattle Identification Rules Record Keeping and Health Plans Beef Production Systems Grazing and Winter Forage. Equipment and Housing. Outlets for Store/Finished Beef.
12.30pm – 1.15pm:	Lunch
1.15pm – 3.15pm:	Farm walk to see suckler herds at Netherfield Place Farm.
3.15 pm – 4.00 pm	Summary /Questions and Answers Tea / Coffee and Course Evaluations
What you need to bring: Hot & cold drinks are provided, but you will need to bring a packed lunch. In the morning the course is classroom based. During the afternoon the course will be held on the farm. Please bring appropriate clothing and footwear for both venues.	
As an ongoing precautionary measure, please ensure that items of clothing and footwear used previously on another farm, have been thoroughly cleaned.	
Course Outcome: College Certificate (on request)	
Follow on course suggestions: Selection of Finished Livestock and Direct Meat Marketing, Forage Analysis & Winter Rationing, Managing a Beef Herd, Beef Butchery Demonstration For dates and further course information please contact Plumpton College	
To book this course, for further information, or in case of an emergency on the day of the course please contact: Plumpton College Centre for Sustainable Food Farming & Forestry Woodland Enterprise Centre, Hastings Road, Flimwell, TN5 7PR Tel 01580 879 547 e-mail gammonc@plumpton.ac.uk	