



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

Course Name: Starting a Beef Herd		Tutor: Simon J. Bishop or 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	
Course Timetable		
10.00 am – 10.30 am	Course administration/ tea or coffee/introductions	
10.30am – 12.30pm:	Holding Number Herd Number 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, Forage Analysis & Winter Rationing, Managing a Beef Herd, Beef Butchery Demonstration	
For dates and further course information please contact Plumpton College at Netherfield		
To book this course, for further information, or in case of an emergency on the day of the course please contact:		
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