



Plumpton College

**Plumpton College
Centre for Sustainable Food Farming &
Forestry**

Course Information

Course Name: Managing a Sheep Flock		Tutor: Angie Wilkins
Venue: Ivyland Farm Netherfield Nr. Battle East Sussex TN33 9QB	1 day course	
	Start Time: 10am	
	Finish time: Approx. 4pm	
Designed for: Anyone who is interested in starting their own sheep flock. No previous experience needed. Covers equipment, housing, and keeping flock records. Includes a visit to sheep on the farm & general health queries.		
Aims of the course: To introduce participants to the main points that need to be considered when keeping sheep.		
Typical number of delegates: 6 -10		Course runs approximately twice a year
<u>Course Timetable</u>		
10.00 am – 10.30 am	Course administration/ tea or coffee/introductions	
10.30am – 12.30pm:	Lecture Holding Number and Flock Registration The Shepherd's Year Equipment and Housing Feeding and Breeding Grazing and Winter Forage Outlets for Store / Finished Lambs Record Keeping	
12.30pm – 1.30pm:	Lunch	
1.30pm – 3.30pm:	Visit to sheep flock. Introduction to handling sheep and checking for signs of health, eg. fly strike and what to do. Feet trimming.	
3.30 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: Lamb Butchery, Sausage Making, Selection of Finished Lambs, Stock Fencing, Direct Meat Marketing. Practical Sheep 'Pre-Tup' Health check Course, Lambing Forage analysis & Winter Rationing, 3-day Shearing Course 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		