



**Plumpton College**

## Plumpton College Centre for Sustainable Food Farming & Forestry Course Information

<b>Course Name:</b> Managing a Beef Herd	<b>Tutor:</b> Angie Wilkins
<b>Venue:</b> Ivyland Farm Netherfield Nr. Battle East Sussex TN33 9QB	<b>1 day course</b>
	<b>Start Time:</b> 10am
	<b>Finish time:</b> 4pm
<b>Designed for:</b> 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.	
<b>Aims of the course:</b> To introduce participants to the main points that need to be considered when keeping a beef herd.	
<b>Typical number of delegates:</b> 8 -10	<b>Course runs approximately twice a year</b>
<b><u>Course Timetable</u></b>	
<b>10.00 am – 10.30 am</b>	Course administration/ tea or coffee/introductions Holding Number Herd Number
<b>10.30am – 12.30pm:</b>	Cattle Identification Rules Record Keeping and Health Plans Beef Production Systems Grazing and Winter Forage. Equipment and Housing. Outlets for Store/Finished Beef.
<b>12.30pm – 1.15pm:</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1.15pm – 3.15pm:</b>	Farm walk to see suckler herds at Netherfield Place Farm.
<b>3.15 pm – 4.00 pm</b>	Summary /Questions and Answers Tea / Coffee and Course Evaluations
<b>What you need to bring:</b> 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.	
<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 (on request)	
<b>Follow on course suggestions:</b> Selection of Finished Livestock and Direct Meat Marketing, Forage Analysis & Winter Rationing, Managing a Beef Herd, Beef Butchery Demonstration <b>For dates and further course information please contact Plumpton College</b>	
<b>To book this course, for further information, or in case of an emergency on the day of the course please contact:</b> Plumpton College Centre for Sustainable Food Farming & Forestry Woodland Enterprise Centre, Hastings Road, Flimwell, TN5 7PR Tel 01580 879 547 e-mail <a href="mailto:gammonc@plumpton.ac.uk">gammonc@plumpton.ac.uk</a>	