



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

Course Name: Grassland Management & Weed Control	Tutor: Simon J. Bishop
Venue: Ivyland Farm Netherfield Nr. Battle East Sussex TN33 9QB	1 day course
	Start Time: 10 a.m.
	Finish time: Approx. 4pm depending on questions and end of course discussions.
Designed for: Those who are starting in farming or who want to improve their understanding and knowledge of managing grassland for grazing cattle and sheep.	
Aims of the course: To gain an understanding of grassland management to maximise productive grazing and fodder production, minimise parasitic infections, and increase the sustainability of the farm system.	
Typical number of delegates: 6 - 10	Course runs approximately once a year
<u>Course Timetable</u>	
10.00 am – 10.30 am	Course administration/ tea or coffee/introductions
10.30 am – 12. 30 am	Grassland types Assessing the sward Patterns of grass growth Utilisation of grassland and ruminant nutrition Grazing systems, feed intake, Forage herbs, Feeding value of conserved forages Introduction to Soil care
12.30 am – 1.30 pm	Lunch (bring packed lunch – hot drinks provided)
1.30 pm – 3.30 pm	Farm Walk Managing weeds (non chemically) Grass identification Soil fertility / use of farm yard manure Weed Control methods
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: Stock Fencing, Soil Analysis and Care, Hedge Laying, Post & Rail Forage Analysis and Winter Rationing 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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