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Plumpton College Centre for Sustainable Food Farming & Forestry Course Information

Course Name: Bacon and Gammon Curing	Tutor: Angie Wilkins
Venue: Homestead Farm Netherfield Nr. Battle East Sussex TN33 9QL	1 day course
	Start Time: 10 am
	Finish time: Approx. 4 pm
Designed for: Farmers, chefs, food retailers and others interested in making bacon for their own use or for selling. No previous experience needed.	
Aims of the course: To introduce participants to the main principles of wet and dry curing pork for the production of bacon and gammons.	
Typical number of delegates: 4	Course runs approximately three times a year
<u>Course Timetable</u>	
10.00am – 10.15am Course administration/tea or coffee/introductions	
10.15am -10.45am Discussion on: Food Hygiene, Equipment Salt – effects, ingredients for curing	
10.45am -11.30am Discuss and look at parts of pig breeds used for curing and cuts used for bacon & gammon.	
11.30am -12.30pm Practical: Mix salt for dry curing Salt bacon pieces Mix brine, Put gammons into brine Use brine pump	
12.30pm – 1.30pm Lunch (bring packed Lunch – hot drinks provided)	
1.30pm – 3.30pm Practical continued: Boning & Slicing Bacon Tasting	
3.30pm - 3.45pm Cleaning: machinery and surfaces.	
3.45pm – 4pm 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. The course takes place at an unheated cutting room so please bring warm clothing when the weather is cold. You are welcome to bring a camera, pen and paper to record information. 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	
Follow on course suggestions: Pork Butchery, Sausage Making, Salami and Cured Sausage Production, Food Smoking, Direct Meat Marketing. For dates and further course information please contact Plumpton College. www.foodfarmingforestry.co.uk	
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	