



Plumpton College

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

Course Information

Course Name: Managing a Pig Herd

Tutor: Debbie Hopkins

Venue: Ivyland Farm
Netherfield
Nr. Battle
East Sussex
TN33 9QB

1 day course

Start time/ Finish time:
10am to 4pm

Designed for: Any one who is interested in starting their own pig herd, or already keep pigs and would like to improve on their knowledge. No previous experience needed. Covers equipment, housing, and rearing free- range pigs. Includes a visit to pigs on the farm.

Aims of the course: To introduce participants to the main points that need to be considered when keeping pigs.

Typical number of delegates: 6 -10

Course runs approximately twice a year

Course Timetable

10.00 am – 10.30 am Course administration/ tea or coffee/introductions

10.30 am – 12.30 pm Lecture: Rules & Regulations
Welfare
Buildings & land
Types of production
Breeds
Terminology
Breeding & Farrowing
Feeding
Key points

12.30 pm – 1.30 pm Lunch

1.30 pm – 3.30 pm Visit to pig herd on the farm to carry out some practical stock tasks.
(E.g. piglet teeth clipping, moving pigs, injecting, selecting finished pigs and possible demonstration of A.I. – some practical tasks depend on whether a pig has recently farrowed)

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: Pork Butchery, Sausage Making, Bacon & Gammon Curing, Salami Making, Selection of Finished livestock, Stock Fencing, Direct Meat Marketing.

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:

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