

What is it about?

SWHYI is a series of practical workshop style meetings using farm venues to promote the benefits of proper health planning in youngstock.

Spearheaded by Westpoint Veterinary Group we have teamed up with Blade Farming (SW) Ltd and secured funding for the project through the South West Healthy Livestock Initiative (SWHLI). SWHLI itself is overseeing a number of projects funded through the Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) designed to improve health and profitability in South West farmers' livestock. This is money that has come back from Europe raised through various agricultural levies, it is your money so come and benefit from it! For more information on what SWHLI is and other projects visit their website www.swhli.co.uk. Our project was named SWHYI to reflect the SWHLI collaboration and the fact that it focuses entirely on youngstock (predominantly cattle) the 'grass roots' of any livestock farm, and it is the only project to do so.

A large portion of Blade Farming's business is to turn a profit on the rearing of black and white bull calves so if they can do it so can you! Westpoint Vet Group has worked with Blade in the South West for many years on best practice for prevention of disease and maximizing health for profit. Their calf rearing venues will provide an excellent resource to see specialist calf rearing in action; other farms and finishing units will be used to complete the overall picture of youngstock rearing. Being on farm the meetings are very practical and interactive and subjects are wide ranging under the general remits of: 'Planning for Profit', 'Nutrition from calf to adult', 'Housing & Pneumonia', 'Good Gut Health' and a number of spin off projects like 'Outwintering Youngstock' and one-on-one on farm projects.

Future meetings

Further meetings will be arranged throughout the South West region, and dates and venues will be confirmed shortly

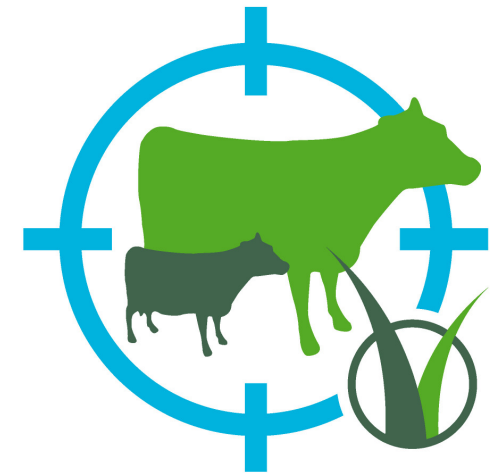
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South West Healthy 'YOUNGSTOCK' Initiative



'Targeting youngstock health for southwest farmers'

Please contact Gemma to
book your place on
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August

Planning for Profit

Wednesday 18th August 2010

By kind permission of the Maidment family,
Street Farm, Cleverton, Chippenham, Wiltshire,
SN15 5BS

10am - 3pm with

Paul Westaway- Beef Farmer
'A Blade Aberdeen Angus Finishers perspective'

Matthew Dobbs – Westpoint Veterinary Group
Consultant
'Improve profit through better health planning'

Richard Jones – Blade
'The need to plan your enterprise'

Planning for Profit

Tuesday 24th August 2010

By kind permission of the AG & KM Macey,
Underhill Farm, Staple
Fitzpaine, Taunton, TA3 5BQ

10am - 3pm with

Paul Westaway - Beef Farmer
'A Blade Aberdeen Angus Finishers perspective'

Chris Just - Westpoint Veterinary Consultant
'Improve profit through better health planning'

Richard Jones – 'Blade Business Development
Manager
The need to plan your enterprise'

September

Planning for Profit

Tuesday 21st September 2010

By kind permission of Mr & Mrs Whiting,
Fursdon Farm, Horningtops, Liskeard, PL14 3PZ

10am - 3pm with

Chris Just - Westpoint Veterinary Group
'Improve profit through better health planning'

Graham Whiting - Beef finisher
'Finishing beef cattle at Fursdon farm'

Richard Jones – Blade Farming Business Development Manager
'The need to plan your enterprise'

Planning for Profit, Youngstock Nutrition & Gut Health

Tuesday 28th September 2010

By kind permission of Lackham College,
Wiltshire College of Agriculture, Lackham, Lacock,
Chippenham, SN15 2NY

9.30am - 1.00 pm with

Matthew Dobbs – Westpoint Veterinary Group Consultant
'Improve profit through health planning'

Adam May - Mole Valley Beef Product Manager
'Perfecting your nutrition'

Paul Westaway - Beef Farmer
'Managing mixed forages'

Lunch and farm walk

2.00 - 4.00 pm

Richard Phelps – Blade Farming Managing Director
'Importance of correct feeding to improve meat quality'

Lesley Bingham – Westpoint Veterinary Group
'Young calf nutrition'

October

Pneumonia

Tuesday 12th October 2010

By kind permission of Michael Chugg
Park Farm, Lower Park lane, Braunton, Devon,

10am - 3pm
TBC

Jamie Robertson—Pneumonia & building Consultant
'Pneumonia & building design / modification'

Pneumonia

Wednesday 13th October 2010

By kind permission of Ben Bennett,
Lower Norton Farm, Mill Lane, Stoke Climsland, Callington
Cornwall. PL17 8QF

10am - 3pm with
TBC

Jamie Robertson—Pneumonia & building Consultant
'Pneumonia & building design/ modification'

Gut Health

Wednesday 27th October 2010

By kind permission of Trevor & Andrew Lock
Crossways, Staple Fitzpaine, Taunton, Somerset TA3 5SW

10am—3pm with

Chris Just - Westpoint Veterinary Group
'Diagnosis, Prevention & Cure of scours'

Richard Jones – Blade Farming Business Development Manager
'Nutrition and Meat quality'