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LandSkills East Midlands



Helping you improve your skills and business.

A Word From The Programme Manager - Geoff Payne



“Welcome to the first LandSkills EM newsletter. In this issue we focus on our East Midlands Dairy Improvement Programme (EMDIP), funding for which was secured by emda from the government who acknowledged the problems that the dairy sector is currently facing. If that wasn't enough we will also answer some of your questions, take a look at how farmers are benefitting from EMDIP and LandSkills already, find out who is delivering livestock training this winter plus, we take a look at the stats so far.”

Geoff

What is the East Midlands Dairy Improvement Programme (EMDIP)?

LandSkills EM together with The Dairy Group and XL Vets have developed EMDIP to help 100 farms in the region to improve the sustainability of their dairy enterprise.

Mr Easom, Broom House Farm, Derby

“I've received some really useful advice to help with parlour improvements and to get ready for my grant application for an anaerobic digester. I'm also working with my vet on a number of animal welfare projects. It's good to be able to receive funding support to help us move forward.”

What's Involved?

The dairy improvement plan allows you to work with **your farm vet** and a dedicated Dairy Group consultant to assess your:

- Dairy herd health
- Resource efficiency
- Business planning
- And find out about skills workshops, knowledge transfer programmes and capital grants.

What's In It For Me?

Getting top advice on herd health planning and business resource efficiency is a fantastic way of moving your dairy business forward.

Not only can the plan increase your farms sustainability and profit through livestock, resource and business efficiency improvements but you can also use your it to access capital grants in the region to help you achieve the objectives set.

How Much Is It?

With 80 % funding from LandSkills EM the programme costs £394.00 for a 6 month period of activity for your farm (including visits to your farm, a full dairy improvement plan including grant advice and summary report) - that's **a saving of £1600.**

John Cammack, Glenthorne Vets

“A couple of my clients are already registered on the programme and are finding it useful to be able to access great advice from the Dairy Group and to build on herd health plans with me – all for a reduced rate. The project should make a really positive difference to farmers in my area.”

Register now for EMDIP contact Sophie Throup t: 07974 933266 e: office@emdip.co.uk

Who's Delivering LandSkills EM Funded Livestock Training?

We work with a network of 11 training providers and veterinary groups who deliver LandSkills EM funded training.

This winter seven of these will be delivering livestock specific training including:

- **Rural Training Links** and the **Middle England Training Association** consortia of training groups - Discussion groups and technical and agronomy training and certification
- **EBLEX** - Technology transfer on the latest research and how to improve the health of your beef and sheep
- **BPEX** - All types of pig focused training through pig discussion groups, staff development including leadership and management
- **ADAS** - technical sessions on health and environmental topics for upland farmers, with demonstration farms to showcase best practise in breeding, feeding, fertility, selection and marketing and more.

We also work with a number of veterinary groups including:

- **Minster Vets** - poultry training
- **XL Vets** - herdsman certificate workshops for dairy and beef farmers, plus flock health for sheep farmers.

LandSkills East Midlands Stats So Far...

- 2012 funded events delivered so far
- 1,938 training days
- 1,542 new beneficiaries – 52 % of our overall target
- 985 principal drivers – 48 % of our overall target.
- We've delivered 63 % of training in the livestock sector against our target of 56 %.

What have you funded so far?

Take a look at some of the things we have funded so far...

FarmSkills Calf Rearing Course



Focusing on calf rearing and colostrum, farmers who attended the course said they were going to look at their colostrum management ASAP.

Farming Ambassadors

We've helped six farmers to develop their skills and become farming ambassadors, to promote the industry as a positive place to work.



Andrew Brown, T W Brown and Son - Institute of Agricultural Management Leadership course



"Going on this course enabled me to take a step back but not a backward step, which allowed me to see a new direction for my career and business."

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