

FarmSkills Calf Rearing Part 1 & 2

At a glance...

Customised Provision

Duration Notes:	1 day
Recognised by:	Lantra Awards

Introduction

This course focuses on planning and preparation for successful heifer production, basic first aid in the neo-natal calf and management to ensure maximum survival rates.

Overview in brief

This Lantra-accredited Customised Award is exclusively developed and delivered by a Lantra-approved Training Provider, who meets our quality standards. The course is specifically tailored to meet learners' needs. For further details about the course content and delivery locations, please contact the Training Provider using the details provided below.

The minimum age to undertake this course is 16.

The finer details

Calf Rearing – Birth to Weaning:

- Produce a plan from birth to calving
- Assess the body condition of the dam
- Know how best to set up and run a calving system
- Evaluate a calf's ABC (Airway, Breathing, Circulation)
- List the major roles of colostrum: energy, warmth, laxative, passive transfer
- Know the correct amount and time frame for colostrum intake



- Know how to administer supplementary colostrum safely
- Appreciate that colostrum does not need to clot in the abomasum in the same way as milk.



Calf Rearing – Heifer Rearing:

- Describe the optimum age and condition of heifers at calving
- Explain the problems of over or under condition in these animals
- Discuss the advantages of an integrated approach to heifer pre-calving management
- Understand the pros and cons of AI, Synchronisation and Natural Service
- Set targets for heifer calving: age, weight, height.

Who should attend?

Anyone wanting to be able to plan and prepare for successful heifer production, conduct basic first aid in the neo-natal calf and provide appropriate management to ensure maximum survival rates and set targets and manage heifers to minimise problems for the calving heifer, maximise calf survival and heifer lifetime productivity.

Other areas of interest

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[FarmSkills Foot Trimming](#)

[FarmSkills Mastering Medicines](#)

[FarmSkills Sheep - Lambing](#)

