



Body Condition Scoring

At a glance...

Customised Provision

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Introduction

The aim of this course is to teach you how and when to Body Condition Score cows effectively. Body Condition scoring is particularly useful as an aid to dry cow management and control of Metabolic disorders in all stages of lactation.

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.

Body Condition Scoring is an effective way to monitor the whole herd's health and fertility status. It has never been more important to strike that balance between: Economic Feeding, Milk Production, Animal Welfare and Herd Fertility.

Identifying and maintaining the correct Body Condition Score is an important tool which helps in the management of the cow leading to a healthy, very efficient cow reducing Metabolic disorders. Maintaining the efficiency of the metabolism of the cow also reduces the emission of greenhouse gasses from the cow.

The finer details

Our one-day course will give you all the necessary techniques when to timely Condition Score. Routine scoring monitor both changes in the individual cow and in the whole herd. This helps maintaining the body condition of the herd within the best score parameters. Routine scoring identifies when the herd and individual cow is either losing or gaining too much body condition early and allows correction. The system allows for timely intervention when needed.



The course covers the detailed structure and identification of the anatomy of the cow, this therefore, allows you to get a true score in a structured manner. With the system of scoring, you work in 0.25 increments to allow complete accuracy.



Who should attend?

Anyone who wish to learn the art of Body Condition Scoring to increase the Health Management of their herd.

What will be covered?

Our Body Condition Scoring course will cover the following information:

- Importance of Body Condition
- Developing a good routine
- When to timely Condition Score
- The important stages of production are:
 - Pre-calving (drying off)
 - At Parturition
 - Early Lactation – approaching Peak yield
 - At service
- Record-Keeping
- Biosecurity
- Consistency in the technique is the key to good Body Condition Scoring The Scoring system allows us to keep constant management of our herd to avoid any Metabolic Disorders and any Disorders related to poor Body Condition whether its overweight or underweight.

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