

Success for Fresh Start Pig Academy

The demand for British pork is growing so there is a need for new and existing farmers to look afresh at pig farming as a viable business opportunity.

Now in its 3rd year, the award-winning Fresh Start Pig Academy, run by BQP (Dalehead Foods' farming division), has guided a further 60 people through a course aimed at those looking to set up or diversify a business to give them a greater understanding of pig farming. This year's courses took place at Harper Adams University and Moulton College, covering effective supply chains, optimising production and shed building, complete with farm visits.

Fresh Start is proving to be popular amongst young farmers who are looking for alternative enterprises to run on the family farm.

Will Gladwin is an ex-Moulton student and, despite having a good arable set-up, was concerned that the farm could not sustain both him and his father. BQP's offer for growing pigs was a promising opportunity



- their new build pig shed was completed in under a year and based on a bespoke BQP design. BQP have a team of field staff who are fully experienced in new builds and supporting new farmers in husbandry skills.

The Gladwins have found a business that allows them to carry on farming together.

"The pigs take two hours out of my day and the rest of the time I work on the arable side of the business," said Will.

For more information visit www.dalehead.co.uk/farmingopportunities or contact Richard Gooding on 07802 596697 or Mark Jagger on 07802 596702 or visit BQP's stand at Cereals 2013.



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