

Fresh Start Pig Academy

Fresh Start Pig Academy 2012 Course Outline

Academy Meetings: Harper Adams University College
Times TBC

Please do not contact Harper Adams direct. If you wish to speak to somebody regarding the course please contact Academy Coordinator Sophie Hope on 07773 319723 or sophie.hope@dalehead.co.uk

1. Launch Evening

Thursday 26th January

Evening event where speakers from the pig production company BQP, and Waitrose will demonstrate an opportunity which exists for new entrants to set up in commercial pig farming in the UK.

Arrive at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start

2. Supply Chain Walk

Thursday 2nd February

Full day to illustrate the opportunity in action: visiting outdoor breeding unit, contract growing unit and Waitrose store

All day event

3. Business Planning and Finance

Thursday 9th February

How to best present the case for funding

Evening

4. Planning, Buildings and Environmental Considerations

Thursday 16th February

The process of obtaining planning permission, how to build a pig shed, the benefits of pig manure on to an arable system and environmental legislation

Evening

5. Optimising the Growing Pig

Thursday 23rd February

A look at pig husbandry, efficient production, what key physical targets should be set, health and welfare, and feed

Evening

6. Visit to Abattoir

Thursday 1st March

Day visit to an abattoir with a discussion on carcass utilisation and processing issues

Afternoon

7. Conclusion

Thursday 8th March

Evening

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