



# feeding the dairy cow

<b>Date</b>	Tuesday 10 December to Thursday 27 March
<b>Duration</b>	5 sessions, 10am - 4pm
<b>Venue</b>	Days 1-4 Courtesy of Henry Lewis, Tack Farm, Edwyn Ralph, Bromyard, Herefordshire Day 5 Visit to two farms with contrasting feeding systems
<b>Cost</b>	£250 for 5 day course, if eligible for funding*

## Course aims

This course is tailored towards farmers / farm managers of progressive dairy farms responsible for the day to day management of forage and feed. The aim of the course is to improve competence in basic and intermediate feed management techniques that will facilitate daily nutrition management. This should lead to improvements in cow health, welfare & performance resulting in economic returns.

## Full course dates and module topics covered

<b>Tuesday 10 December</b>	Common feed and forage characteristics, feed analysis, making better forage, feed identification and weekly feed analysis.
<b>Tuesday 14 January</b>	Basic dietary formulation and formulation session using DairyCo Feeding+ resources and diet formulation software.
<b>Tuesday 4 February</b>	Monitoring nutrition, body condition, faeces, milk yields, milk quality, blood and urine and how this relates to farm finances. This day will include a farm walk to put some of the techniques discussed in the morning session into practice.
<b>Tuesday 4 March</b>	Influences of housing, environment, feed fence, mixer wagon loading and management on feeding performance. This day will include a farm walk to put some of the techniques discussed in the morning session into practice.
<b>Thursday 27 March</b>	Visit two farms running differing feeding systems with focus on specific requested topics dependent on attendee's requirements.

## About Evidence Based Veterinary Consultancy (EBVC)

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