

# BCVA Congress 2025

## Programme

### Key to colour-coding



 Calves	 Sheep	 Keynote	 Workshops
 Commercial	 Infectious Diseases	 General Practice	 Practicals
 TB	 AI	 Goats	

*\*Programme is subject to change\**

## Thursday 15th October

### Lectures

	Holstein Room	Dexter Room
11:00	President's Address	
11:10	Farm Vets – the excitement of disease discover - <i>Joe Brownlie</i>	
12:10	Ruminant Road Map - <i>David Black, Fiona Lovatt and Mark Jelley</i>	
13:00	<b>REFRESHMENT BREAK</b>	

	Holstein Room	Dexter Room
13:45		<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>
14:00	UK bulk milk tank residue fails: what can we learn? - <i>Amy Blank and Karen Bond</i>	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>
14:30	Water buffalo for practitioners: not another bovine - <i>Rosie Lyle</i>	The role of vitamin E, selenium & anti-oxidant status in transition cattle - <i>Julia Moorhouse</i> <i>sponsored by</i> 
15:00	Lambing time – getting it right - <i>Fiona Lovatt</i>	A novel framework for successfully supporting uptake of preventive medicine practices on ruminant farms - <i>Rosie Reyneke</i>
15:30	<b>REFRESHMENT BREAK</b>	
16:00	<i>Title to be confirmed</i> - <i>Mel Shipley</i>	
16:30	Control of BRD in dairy-beef Systems - <i>Tim Potter</i> <i>sponsored by</i> 	<i>Panel Discussion to be confirmed</i>
17:00	<b>AGM</b>	
17:30	<b>FINISH</b>	

# Friday 16th October

Lectures			
	<i>Holstein Room</i>	<i>Dexter Room</i>	<i>Commercial</i>
09:00	<i>Titles and Speakers to be confirmed</i>	Vet duties at Livestock Shows - <i>Paddy Gordon</i>	
09:30		Shaping the ideal dairy farm: insights from the UK industry - <i>Ginny Sherwin</i>	
09:45		Can we use a novel objective measure to evaluate the impact of the housed environment on dairy cows? An approach using machine vision and metabolomics for welfare assessment - <i>Jake Thompson</i>	
10:00	<i>Panel Discussion to be confirmed</i>	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>	
10:15			
10:30	REFRESHMENT BREAK		
11:00	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>	CattleEye- automated mobility weight and BCS - <i>Nial O'Boyle</i>
11:30		It's not just salty water: rethinking electrolytes in calf clinical decision making - <i>Ginny Sherwin and Laura Tenant</i>	
12:00	What are farmers currently doing to prevent Bovine TB spread and how can the government better support them? - <i>Maisie Button</i>	What to consider when choosing an electrolyte formula for diarrhoea in calves - <i>Matt Swanborough</i>	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>
12:15	High prevalence of paratuberculosis in slaughter generation is mirrored in lifetime seroprevalence of breeding replacements in two beef herds - <i>George Caldow</i>		
12:30	Evaluation of cryptosporidiosis management practices on British cattle farms - <i>Kat Baxter-Smith and Sara Robson</i>	Calf disbudding: investigating thermocautery disbudding methods - <i>Benjamin Blowers</i>	
12:45	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>	Investigation into the association between cow precalving metabolic profile analysis and Failure of Passive Transfer (FPT) in a spring calving Scottish beef suckler herd - <i>Rachel Bragg</i>	
13:00		The use of milk recording data to explore heifer performance using a novel combination of key performance indicators for commercial dairy herds in Britain - <i>Tom Chamberlain</i>	
13:15	LUNCH		
14:00	TB Champions - <i>Emily Ashford and Marianne Combe</i>	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>	
14:30	The TB Advisory Service and what we have achieved through trusted advisers and joint decision making on farm - <i>Sarah Tomlinson</i>	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>	
15:00	Learnings from the Pembrokeshire TB Project - <i>Brendan Griffin and Beverley Hopkins</i>	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>	
15:30	REFRESHMENT BREAK		
16:00	<i>Titles and Speakers to be confirmed</i>	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>	
16:30		<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>	
17:00		<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>	
17:30	FINISH		

# Saturday 17th October

## Lectures

	<i>Holstein Room</i>	<i>Dexter Room</i>
09:00	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>
09:30	Ketosis and postpartum disease in the dairy cow: are we interpreting it correctly? - <i>Nial O'Boyle</i>	Validation of computer vision for automated assessment of cow comfort in UK commercial dairy farms - <i>Patricia Simoes</i>
09:45		EMS reform: Are we still training farm vets? Early contact decision making - <i>Isabel Litaba</i>
10:00	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>
10:30	<b>REFRESHMENT BREAK</b>	
11:00	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>	Supporting clinical audit as an antimicrobial stewardship tool in farm animal practice - <i>Beth Riley and Amelia Sidwell</i>
11:15	Uses for performing abdominal ultrasound in cattle - <i>Philippa Gibbons</i>	
11:30		Should we use prophylactic antibiotics in bovine castration? A clinical audit - <i>Emma Greaves and Beth Riley</i>
11:45	An exploratory randomised controlled trial of a probiotic-postbiotic supplement on the health and welfare of pre-weaning dairy calves - <i>Iona Riley</i>	Forming a consensus statement on the use of antimicrobial prophylaxis during on-farm surgical procedures in cattle and sheep - <i>Amelia Sidwell and Beth Riley</i>
12:00	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>	
12:30	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>
13:00	<b>LUNCH</b>	

	<i>Holstein Room</i>	<i>Dexter Room</i>
14:00	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>
14:30	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>
15:30	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>
16:15	<b>FINISH</b>	

# Workshops

Thursday 15th October

	<i>Jersey Room</i>	<i>Hereford Room</i>	<i>Hall 3 (A)</i>	<i>Hall 3 (B)</i>
13:00	<b>LUNCH</b>			
14:00	Mastitis infection control workshop: interactive herd "case" examples - <i>James Breen, Jude Roberts and Julia Moorhouse</i>	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>
15:30	<b>REFRESHMENTS</b>			
16:00	Bovine reproductive manual and ultrasound examination - <i>Peter May</i>	We Buy Any Bull: How to demystify CHeCS pen cards and EBVs for you and your clients - <i>Helen Carty and Martin Tomlinson</i>	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>
17:30	<b>FINISH</b>			

Friday 16th October

	<i>Jersey Room</i>	<i>Hereford Room</i>	<i>Hall 3 (A)</i>	<i>Hall 3 (B)</i>
09:00	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>	Making dairy-beef count: the veterinary role in optimising integrated beef pathways from breeding to rearing a valuable calf - <i>Julia Moorhouse and Rose Jackson</i>	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>
10:30	<b>REFRESHMENTS</b>			
11:00	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>
12:30	<b>LUNCH</b>			
14:00	Advanced ultrasound skills: maximising diagnostics work-ups on farm - <i>Vicki Shepherd</i>	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>
15:30	<b>REFRESHMENTS</b>			
16:00	Beyond blanket synchronisation: driving reproductive efficiency through dynamic, data-driven management - <i>Vicki Shepherd</i>	Youngstock that pays: practical strategies that actually get used on farm - <i>Ginny Sherwin and Laura Tenant</i>	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>
17:30	<b>FINISH</b>			

Saturday 17th October

	<i>Jersey Room</i>	<i>Hereford Room</i>
09:00	Engaging farmers in contingency planning for notifiable disease - <i>PVS</i>	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>
10:30	<b>REFRESHMENTS</b>	
11:00	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>
12:30	<b>LUNCH</b>	
14:00	Dairy fertility monitoring – can on farm technology give use better insights? - <i>Robert Smith</i>	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>
15:30	<b>FINISH</b>	