

Beef

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About the Speaker

Joe graduated from Glasgow in 1998 and soon became predominantly a beef and sheep vet with an interest in disease prevention, health planning, production KPIs and grazing management. As well as working in Northumberland he has also spent time working in New Zealand and Poland. In 2018 he undertook a study tour to large cow-calf operations in the western USA.

Joe now works at Black Sheep Farm Health, a progressive beef and sheep practice in Northumberland. Alongside his clinical role he also provides the veterinary input to the East Northumberland Farmer's Club benchmarking group which started in 2004. He was also chosen to be part of the EBLEX Technical Advisory Group for the two-year project to evaluate KPIs for suckler herds and growing and finishing beef enterprises in England.

Outside of work, Joe also runs a farm with his wife Rachel, including a Luining-based herd of about 100 head.

Synopsis

Background and economics of suckler cows and their veterinary provision.

Approach to pneumonia; what do I do and what do I advise the client?

- Diagnosis, treatment and control of outbreaks in suckler calves with case study examples.

Approach to scours; what do I do and what do I advise the client?

- Diagnosis, treatment and control of neonatal scour outbreak in suckler calves with case study examples.

Calving the suckler cow:

- How to avoid difficult calvings in the first place.
- Tips and tricks for calving suckler cows and approaching caesareans.

Investigating infertility in the beef suckler herd.