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Maximising health and performance in dairy beef calves

3rd December 2025

Holiday Inn Express - Gloucester South, Telford Way, Nr Quedgeley, Gloucester, GL2 2AB



Synopsis

This interactive day will focus on dairy-beef calves and will enable the delegates to proactively engage with calf-rearers on the key areas of calf management including: health and disease, buildings and environmental management, milk feeding and weaning management as well as performance monitoring and benchmarking. The session will also cover how to investigate disease issues in these systems.

Key topics to be covered

Engaging with Calf Rearers

- Overview of the sector challenges and opportunities
- Opportunities for veterinary involvement from unit set up through to ongoing monitoring

Monitoring and Benchmarking:

- Data collection what information to collect and what to do with it
- Growth rates, health incidence, antimicrobial usage and other performance metrics

Prevention and Management of key diseases:

Pneumonia, scours etc

Environment

- Building design and assessment
- Practical solutions to common issues
- Hygiene and Biosecurity

Nutrition:

- Milk feeding common pitfalls and how to avoid them
- Trouble shooting different feeding systems
- Weaning management
- Trace elements

About the Speaker

Tim Potter

Tim graduated from the RVC and then went onto to complete a farm animal residency and a PhD focussing on the management of calf pneumonia. After completion of his PhD he left the RVC for a job in practice and has spent the last 15 years working with calf rearers raising dairy-beef calves across the UK: setting up new calf units, providing proactive health advice and data monitoring services and troubleshooting health and production. In the last 6 months he has taken a technical role in industry where he still continues to work with vets and farmers advising on best practice for calf rearing and helping investigate health issues on farm.

Registration Form

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