

BCVA Congress 2026

Programme

Key to colour-coding

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

Programme is subject to change

Thursday 15th October

Lectures	
	<i>Holstein Room</i>
	<i>Dexter Room</i>
11:00	President's Address
11:10	Farm Vets – the excitement of disease discover - Joe Brownlie
12:10	Ruminant Road Map - David Black, Fiona Lovatt and Mark Jelley
13:00	REFRESHMENT BREAK
	<i>Holstein Room</i>
	<i>Dexter Room</i>
13:45	Title and Speaker to be confirmed
14:00	UK bulk milk tank residue fails: what can we learn? - Amy Blank and Karen Bond
14:30	Water buffalo for practitioners: not another bovine - Rosie Lyle
15:00	Lambing time – getting it right - Fiona Lovatt
15:30	REFRESHMENT BREAK
16:00	Title to be confirmed - Mel Shipley
16:30	Control of BRD in dairy-beef Systems - Tim Potter sponsored by 
17:00	AGM
17:30	FINISH

Friday 16th October

Lectures			
	Holstein Room	Dexter Room	Commercial
09:00	Titles and Speakers to be confirmed	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	Panel Discussion to be confirmed	Title and Speaker to be confirmed	
10:15			
10:30	REFRESHMENT BREAK		
11:00	Title and Speaker to be confirmed	Title and Speaker to be confirmed	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>	Title and Speaker to be confirmed
12:15	High prevalence of paratuberculosis in slaughter generation is mirrored in lifetime seroprevalence of breeding replacements in two beef herds - <i>George Caldwell</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	Title and Speaker to be confirmed	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>	Title and Speaker to be confirmed	
14:30	The TB Advisory Service and what we have achieved through trusted advisers and joint decision making on farm - <i>Sarah Tomlinson</i>	Title and Speaker to be confirmed	
15:00	Learnings from the Pembrokeshire TB Project - <i>Brendan Griffin and Beverley Hopkins</i>	Title and Speaker to be confirmed	
15:30	REFRESHMENT BREAK		
16:00	Titles and Speakers to be confirmed	Title and Speaker to be confirmed	
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17:00		Title and Speaker to be confirmed	
17:30	FINISH		

Saturday 17th October

	Lectures	
	Holstein Room	Dexter Room
09:00	Title and Speaker to be confirmed	Title and Speaker to be confirmed
09:30	Title and Speaker to be confirmed	Validation of computer vision for automated assessment of cow comfort in UK commercial dairy farms - Patricia Simoes
09:45		EMS reform: Are we still training farm vets? Early contact decision making - Isabel Litaba
10:00	Ketosis and postpartum disease in the dairy cow: are we interpreting it correctly? - Nial O'Boyle	Title and Speaker to be confirmed
10:30	REFRESHMENT BREAK	
11:00	Using total protein to monitor and improve colostrum management: practical outcomes for calf health - Kat Hart	Supporting clinical audit as an antimicrobial stewardship tool in farm animal practice - Beth Riley and Amelia Sidwell
11:15	Uses for performing abdominal ultrasound in cattle - Philippa Gibbons	
11:30		Should we use prophylactic antibiotics in bovine castration? A clinical audit - Emma Greaves and Beth Riley
11:45	An exploratory randomised controlled trial of a probiotic-postbiotic supplement on the health and welfare of pre-weaning dairy calves - Iona Riley	Forming a consensus statement on the use of antimicrobial prophylaxis during on-farm surgical procedures in cattle and sheep - Ameilia Sidwell and Beth Riley
12:00	Title and Speaker to be confirmed	
12:30	Title and Speaker to be confirmed	Title and Speaker to be confirmed
13:00	LUNCH	
	Holstein Room	Dexter Room
14:00	Title and Speaker to be confirmed	Title and Speaker to be confirmed
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15:30	Title and Speaker to be confirmed	Title and Speaker to be confirmed
16:15	FINISH	

Workshops

Thursday 15th October

	<i>Jersey Room</i>	<i>Hereford Room</i>	<i>Hall 3 (A)</i>	<i>Hall 3 (B)</i>
13:00	LUNCH			
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	REFRESHMENTS			
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	FINISH			

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	REFRESHMENTS			
11:00	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>	Omphalitis revisited: Updating our understanding of an old problem - <i>Emily Collins-Wingate</i>	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>
12:30	LUNCH			
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	REFRESHMENTS			
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	FINISH			

Saturday 17th October

	<i>Jersey Room</i>	<i>Hereford Room</i>
09:00	Engaging farmers in contingency planning for notifiable disease - <i>Pig Veterinary Society</i>	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>
10:30	REFRESHMENTS	
11:00	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>	<i>Title and Speaker to be confirmed</i>
12:30	LUNCH	
14:00	Dairy fertility monitoring – can on farm technology give use better insights? - <i>Robert Smith</i>	Calf housing: getting the basics right – from quick fixes to new build designs - <i>Kat Hart</i>
15:30	FINISH	