

# Three Day Herdsman Foot Trimming Course



## At a glance...

### Customised Provision

Duration Notes: 3 Days

### Introduction

The 3-day Herdsman Foot Trimming Course is LANTRA approved, Farm Assurance accepted and an Industry Standard. Lameness issues have a huge impact on the dairy industry not only from a welfare perspective, but also financially. Loss accumulates not only from the cost of corrective treatment but also in production losses and animal welfare. Our Herdsman Foot Trimming course is designed to equip you with the skills you need to reduce instances of lameness on your farm.

### Overview in brief

The course is designed to equip you with the trimming skills you need to reduce instances of lameness on your farm, using the renowned 5 Step Dutch Method. The course is very hands on allowing plenty of time to hone your skills. The course examines the main causes of lameness and the way to prevent it.

### The finer details

On this course you will acquire the practical skills to trim your cows' feet using the 5 Step Dutch Method to both reduce and prevent lameness, leading to better cow welfare and higher farm profits.

The course is designed to allow you to acquire the skills to deal with confidence all lame cows as soon as they occur. You will also achieve the skills and knowledge to carry out routine trimming competently and at the appropriate time during a cow's lactation.

### Who should attend?

This course is suitable for all those wishing to reduce lameness in their cattle.

### What will be covered?

By the end of the course, you'll be able to:





- Recognise lameness and grade severity
- Know the key features of bovine foot anatomy
- Relate these anatomical features to key aspects of physiology – blood supply, normal claw horn growth & overgrowth
- Understand the theory of the ‘5 Step Dutch method’
- Safely restrain a cow and pick up feet using a foot crush
- Apply the theoretical knowledge of preventative trimming practically
- Practically re-enforce the key anatomical & physiological principles learned and relate this back to the practical application of the ‘Dutch method’
- Apply the theoretical knowledge of corrective trimming practically
- Recognise the causes of foot lameness in cattle (sole ulcer, white line separation & abscess, digital dermatitis, foul in the foot, slurry heel, inter-digital growth, toe necrosis)
- Know when and how to apply blocks and bandages
- Know when and how to apply medical treatments or seek veterinary attention
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## Other areas of interest

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[Cattle Foot Trimming Validation – CPD Check Day](#)

[Do It Yourself \(DIY\) Artificial Insemination Course](#)

[Practical Calf Management](#)

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[Safe Use of Veterinary Medicine](#)

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