



British Cattle Breeding Conference
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Beef Workshop - Making sucklers sustainable

There's been a lot of focus on improved genetics for growth and carcass up until now, but what about our suckler cows? Contributing a large proportion of a suckler herds' carbon footprint, there has never been more need to focus on maternal genetics and management. But it's not all about carbon footprint; Sustainability is about profitability, environmental and social benefits as well, so how do we achieve this in a suckler herd? Linking to the AHDB Beef & Lamb 'Maternal Matters' campaign, join BCBC, the Aberdeen Angus Society and guest farmers, Arron Nerbas, Angus Nelles, Pete and Richard Burbage and Robert Parker, to discuss how we make suckler herds more sustainable.

This workshop is part of the 75th British Cattle Breeding Conference. Delegates attending this workshop, will leave with a set of objectives and a draft action plan, specific to their farm.

14.00 Part 1

- Welcome to the workshop and plan for the afternoon by Amy Hughes, Chair, British Cattle Breeders Club
- What is the AHDB Maternal Matters Campaign and where did it come from? Sarah Pick, Senior Knowledge Exchange manager, AHDB, and Nuffield Scholar
- Defining your system and making the cows fit. Arron Nerbas, Nerbas Bros. Angus, Canada
- What is a high performing suckler cow in the UK? Angus Nelles, Pete & Richard Burbage & Robert Parker
- What do you want your cows to do? Q&A session

15.20 Tea Break

15.40 Part 2

- Let's talk management. How do we achieve high performance in our systems? Group discussion
- Maternal genetics; What's available? Alex Brown, Senior Beef breeding and genetics manager, AHDB
- Coming up with a plan for your farm

16.50 Workshop Closes

Attending the workshop is free of charge if you have booked to attend the conference as a delegate for either the beef or dairy day, please see our website www.cattlebreeders.org.uk for the full programme. Group discounts are available on full day delegate fees.

If you have not booked as a delegate but would like to attend a workshop, there will be a charge of £54.00 which includes BCBC membership for 2023.

Please contact the secretary at heidi.bradbury@cattlebreeders.org.uk to book your place.

To be held at **The Telford Hotel & Golf Resort**, Great Hay Drive,
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