



## South West Healthy Youngstock Initiative launched

The South West Healthy Youngstock Initiative was launched in July with two meetings on youngstock rearing farms in Devon and Cornwall. Westpoint Vets and Blade Farming have secured funding from The South West Healthy Livestock Initiative (SWHLI), which is part funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, to run a series of meetings and training days for both Beef and Dairy farmers. The training days will focus on the management of youngstock rearing using talks, presentations and practical sessions to discuss a wide variety of topics all of which will be relevant to growing young cattle. Topics to be covered will include health issues such as gut health and pneumonia; the housing and out-wintering of youngstock; nutrition and planning for profitability in youngstock enterprises as well as performance monitoring.

The meetings are open to all Farmers, and will be of particular interest to those rearing and purchasing youngstock.

The meetings are scheduled as follows

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2010 – Nigel and David Maidment – Street Farm, Wilts, SN15 5BS

**Subject for the day: Planning for profit**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2010 - AG and KM Macey – Underhill Farm, Staple Fitzpaine, Taunton, TA3 5BQ

**Subject for the day: Planning for profit**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2010 – Graham and Sarah Whiting – Fursdon Farm, Horningtops. PL14 3PZ

**Subject for the day: Planning for profit**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2010 – Lackham College, Lacock, Chippenham SN15 2NY

**Subject for the day: Youngstock nutrition and gut health**

There is no charge for attending these informative meetings, and refreshments will be provided on the day.

If you are interested in attending, or would like details of the programme of events, please call Gemma Rowland on 07791 153573.

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