



BULL BREEDING

10 CVE CREDITS (TBC)

SOUNDNESS EXAMINATION (BBSE)

Wednesday, 16th July 2025, 8:30am - 17:30pm

Tullamore Court Hotel and Afternoon on Farm
Practical at Roskeen, Co Laois

TRAINERS

Donal Lynch
MVB Grad Cert DHH

Donal Murphy
MVB MRCVS Grad Cert DHH



PROGRAMME



This one day event is suitable for vets interested in offering a bull fertility testing service to their clients, no prior experience is required.

Our trainers will cover all aspects of bull reproductive evaluation, including physical examination, testicular and penile conditions and all methods of semen collection. Semen motility and sperm morphology will be covered in detail and a good general discussion on the whole area of certification.

8:15am - 8:30am	Registration with Tea/Coffee on arrival.
8:30am - 9:00am	Introduction to Bull Breeding Soundness.
9:00am - 10:00am	Bull Reproductive Physiology & Anatomy Review.
10:00am - 10:45am	Bull Physical Examination.
10:45am - 11:00am	Morning Break
11:00am - 12:00pm	Testicular & Penile Disorders.
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Semen Collection & Evaluation
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Lunch
2:00pm - 3:30pm	Practical Session on Farm
3:30pm - 4:00pm	Fertilisation
4:00pm - 4:15pm	Afternoon Break
4:15pm - 5:00pm	Sperm Morphology Evaluation.
5:00pm - 5:30pm	Certification & General Discussion.



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"I was pleased to attend the on-farm workshop regarding bull breeding soundness evaluation at the CityWest Hotel in Dublin. It was great to share ideas and experiences. Also, there was a demonstration of Bull Semen collection, which was really well done. I certainly learned some things and I am sure that everyone who attended left with some valuable take-home messages".

John Kastelic, DVM, PhD, Dipl. ACT
Professor of Theriogenology
University of Calgary, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine

"Cow herd fertility is of greatest economic importance to producers and in this regard, no individual member of the herd has as much responsibility for fertility as the herd sire. Since it is estimated that at least 1 in 5 bulls in an unselected population will be subfertile or worse, it is of utmost importance that bulls are evaluated for breeding soundness. However, veterinarians may receive inadequate training in bull breeding soundness evaluation during their veterinary courses, or after a few years in practice, they may feel they need a refresher course.

A few years ago, I was privileged to participate in a BBSE training day put on by Drs Donal Murphy and Donal Lynch in Ireland. The event was held on a local farm and the program contained everything a participant would need to gain expertise in bull breeding soundness evaluation using seminars and laboratory experience. For laboratory experience, bulls were held in a crush for demonstration of the semen collection technique and semen samples were then used to demonstrate semen evaluation techniques. In my view, this was an excellent experience for all participants and I am very pleased to recommend it to anyone considering gaining knowledge and experience in bull evaluation".

Dr. Albert Barth
Professor Emeritus
Western College of Veterinary Medicine
Saskatoon, Canada.

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“It is my opinion, as a European Specialist in Bovine Health Management, that Veterinary Bull Breeding Soundness Examinations are a critical component of optimal fertility management in dairy and suckler herds in Ireland and around the world. Thorough and complete BBSE's, including a comprehensive clinical examination and detailed assessment of semen motility, and particularly sperm morphology, is a service that only trained veterinary practitioners can perform and provide for their clients. To personally upskill, I attended the Veterinary Ireland CAVI Bull Breeding Soundness Examination (BBSE) course provided by the experienced and expert trainers, Donal Murphy MVB MRCVS Grad Cert DHH and Donal Lynch MVB Grad Cert DHH. I can wholeheartedly endorse this course for the very high level of its course content, as well as the hands-on practical experience I obtained. This is a course that is relevant to every farm animal practitioner and is advancing and upskilling vets around the country resulting in the provision of a veterinary BBSE service to Irish farmers that is world-class”.

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