

FOSTERING & IMPROVING DAIRY PROFITS THROUGH NUTRITION & MANAGEMENT

Continued Professional Development
Offered in exclusivity by Blanca with the collaboration of Lallemand

Dairy economics

Decision making

Ration Formulation

Key Performance Indicators

Managing and Preserving Silages

Cow Comfort

Rumen Development

Reproductive Performance

Herd health

Ration formulation

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ABOUT

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Blanca is a centre aimed at producing high quality milk in a sustainable manner and conducting research about dairy farming and disseminating the results to society and industry. Blanca is equipped with a unique set of facilities, outstanding dairy cows, incredible cow housing conditions, a responsible personnel, and a unique data collection system that can serve as an example to promote good dairy practices and data-based management decisions. In addition, Blanca has a partnership with IRTA (with excellent researchers in dairy science) which is responsible for directing and conducting the research studies.

People from Blanca have been involved in many research studies and several high-impact projects in the dairy industry. For instance, they have participated in the design, construction, and management of the largest contract heifer operation in Europe (rearing more than 8,000 heads), and are about to start a larger one in Italy for 12,000 heads. They have also designed new feeding systems and many tools and programs to improve efficiency of milk production. All these technologies are in the facilities of Blanca and visitors, students, and professionals can learn about them and take them back to their local communities.





PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

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Learning at Blanca is a different experience. Our continued professional development (CPD) programs are carefully designed with our target professionals in mind. Blanca offers specialized professionalization programs for producers, herd managers, veterinarians, consultants, and extensionists from all over the world.

The CPDs typically include 3 to 5 days of interactive and extremely applied learning sessions that start with the concepts and emphasize on their application. Our objective is fostering and implementing change in the dairy herd, and thus we strive of ensuring that concepts are integrated by the delegates and later applied in the field.

We believe it is important for the professionals to leave their daily routines, go to Blanca and spend a few days just focused on improving their skills without distractions. Learning not only involves a passive reception of concepts, but also requires an active process of assimilating, integrating and last implementing them. The interaction with other professionals and the lecturers during the CPDs, the inspiring surroundings of Blanca, and the facilities and technology within Blanca itself are effective ingredients to stimulate interest and learning.

More information about Blanca can be found at www.blancahub.cat

Blanca is located in the heart of the Pyrenees.
In a town called Hostalets de Tost, in Lleida (Spain).

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TOPICS

The CPD places an emphasis on the key aspects of dairy production that impact profitability, covering from basic concepts of economics, management, optimization and decision theory to dairying, and finishing with data integration. The sessions are highly interactive and it is expected that attendees integrate the concepts by engaging in active discussions.

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Lecturers

Alex Bach
Frederique Chaucheyras
Pascal Drouin
Bernat Sales

Monday 20/10/14

16:00-16:30 Welcome and registration
16:30-17:30 Principles of the dairy management process
17:30-18:30 Data gathering and interpretation

Tuesday 21/10/14

08:30-09:30 The importance of reproductive function in dairy cattle
09:30-11:00 Auditing herds for cow comfort
11:00-11:30 Coffee break
11:30-13:30 Auditing herds for reproductive performance
13:30-15:00 Lunch
15:00-16:00 Managing and preserving silages
16:00-17:30 Tour to Blanca facilities and on-site discussion and examples

Wednesday 22/10/14

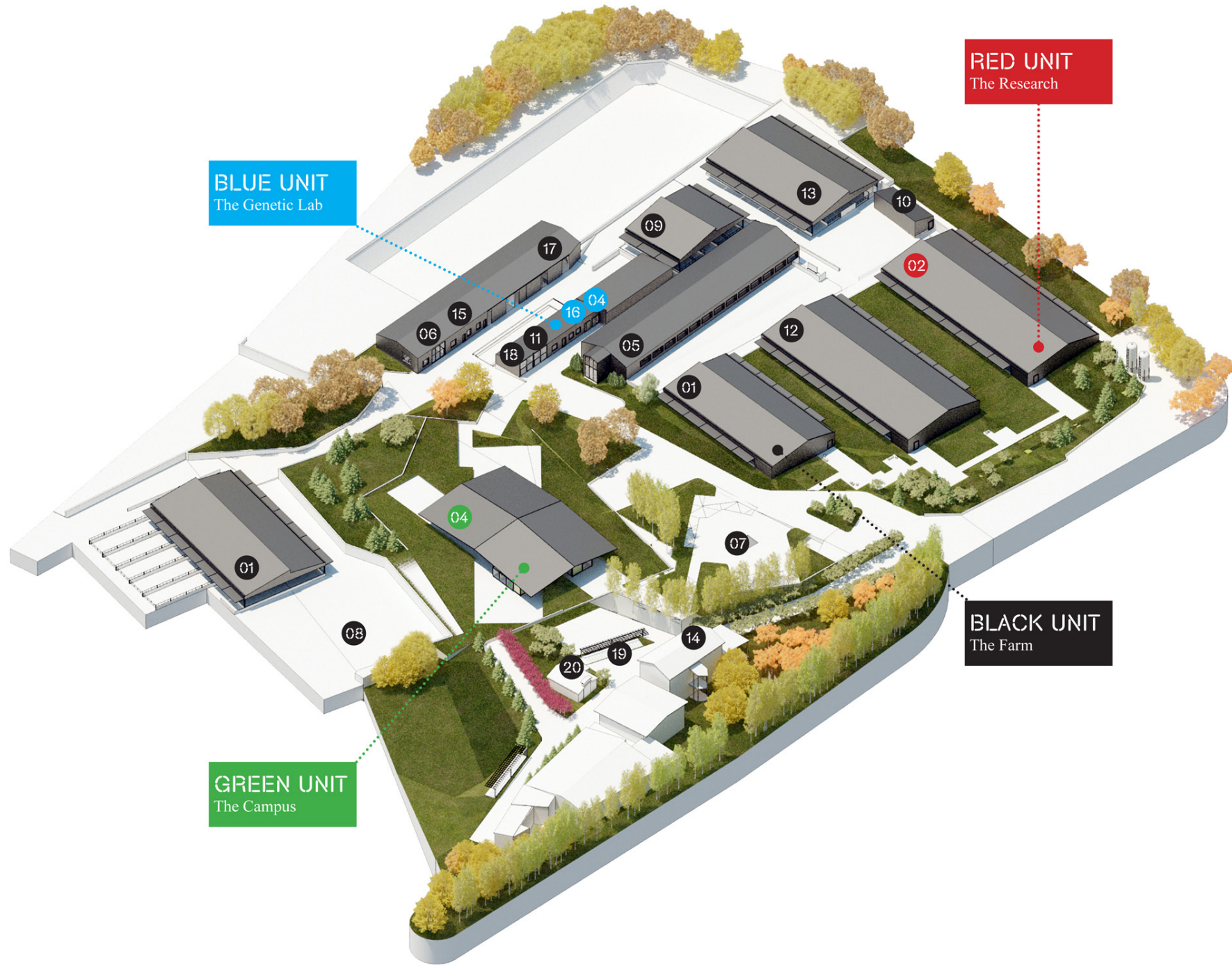
09:30-10:30 The rumen microbial environment function
10:30-11:00 Coffee break
11:00-12:30 Applications on rumen development, fiber digestibility & rumen acids
12:30-13:30 Dairy economics with emphasis on marginal returns
13:30-15:00 Lunch
15:00-17:00 Ration formulation, basic concepts
17:00-18:30 Evaluating, auditing, and feeding silages

Thursday 23/10/14

08:30-10:30 Calf and heifer rearing
10:30-11:00 Coffee break
11:00-12:30 Auditing nutritional programs for performance, economics, and health
12:30-13:30 Feeding the transition cow: A special case
13:30-15:00 Lunch
15:00-16:00 Key performance indicators
16:00-17:30 Virtual Tour to the largest contract heifer operation in Europe
17:30-18:00 Summary and take-home messages

Friday 24/10/14

08:30-10:00 Silage school and LAN silage product benefits
Diagnostic tools
Different additives
10:00-11:30 Rumen school and LAN ruminant product benefits
Practical indicators of optimized rumen function and feed efficiency
Solutions with rumen probiotics
11:30-12:00 Coffee break
12:00-12:30 Guest conclusions and feedback
12:30 Departure (lunch on the way back)



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The Genetic Lab

RED UNIT
The Research

GREEN UNIT
The Campus

BLACK UNIT
The Farm



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