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Professional Background:

Having Graduated from Harper Adams University in 2006 I started work at Askham Bryan College in January 2008 working in partnership with FSA (Food Standards Agency) and the UEA (University of East Anglia) working on a project looking at toxins levels in meat and milk in animals that have been grazing on river flood plains. In 2010 I worked on a beef research project with local farmers in conjunction with ASDA and Anglo Beef Processors looking at the profitability of black and white bull beef. After this we then did a project looking at Dual purpose breeds and if they performed as well as blacks and whites. In 2014 I looked at project using Wagyu cattle, thought to be the first in the UK that has ever been done on this breed. In 2014 I also started working on collecting data for the FBS (Farm Business Survey) a DEFRA funded project which provides information on the physical and economic performance of farm businesses in England, to inform policy decisions on matters affecting farm businesses. I also work two days a week on my own family farm in East Yorkshire where we have just diversified and set up a caravan and camping site.

Research Papers published

Lake I, Foxall C, Fernandes A, Lewis M, White O, Dowding A, Rose M. 2015 The effects of flooding on dioxin and PCB levels in food produced on industrial river catchments Environment International, Volume 77, April 2015, Pages 106-115

Lake I, Foxall C, Fernandes A, Lewis M, White O, Dowding A, Rose M. 2014 The effects of river flooding on Dioxin and PCB's in Beef. Science of The Total Environment, Volumes 491-492, 1 September 2014, Pages 184-191

Lake I, Foxall C, Fernandes A, Lewis M, White O, Dowding A, Rose M. 2013 Seasonal variations in the levels of PCDD/Fs, PCBs and PBDEs in cows' milk Chemosphere, Volume 90, Issue 1, January 2013, Pages 72-79

Recent Conference presentations

New approaches for charity's to support modern FE College – the fantasy farming concept – **AFCP AGM, Farmers Club, London.**

What makes a top performing arable farm – **RMR AGM, The bridge Hotel and Spa, Wetherby**

The Fantasy Farming results – **Beef Cattle Workers Meeting, Harper Adams University, Shropshire**