MODULE 1B PART A TEACHERS NOTES SOURCES OF BEEF THE SUCKLER HERD

INTRODUCTION

The aims of this unit are to:

- Recognize the structure of the suckler herd and the production pattern.

- Recognize the factors that influence the production of the suckler herd.

- Recognize the nature of the suckler herd's production.

At the end of this Unit, the student will be able to recognize the main factors that influence beef production from the suckler herd, and recognize the structure of such a system.

KEY WORDS

Suckler herd

Suitable breeds

Appropriate location

Systems

Suitable bulls

RESOURCES

- Factsheet

- Web Site resources

- The following booklets produced by Hybu Cig Cymru

    o Profitable Beef Breeding

    o Bull Buyers' Guide

    o Making the Most of your Suckler Cows

Teaching activities to provide evidence that learning has taken place

1. Prepare a plan that outlines the production structure of a suckler herd and the main decisions that a farmer has to make to :-

    a. Establish the herd – select the breed, location, infrastructure, type of animal to be produced

    b. Managing the herd – husbandry and choice of marketing.