



Spring 2023

Dear COBA Friend:

Thank you for your interest in COBA A.I. training. Enclosed are the dates and locations of our upcoming Herdowner A.I. Training Courses.

COBA's A.I. training course is an excellent opportunity for the person who is serious about improving their reproductive program. This economical program offers 'hands-on' practice with a large number of live cattle each day in addition to the classroom instruction. Our aim is to teach you a working understanding of dairy and beef cattle breeding, heat detection and synchronization programs as well as other herd management practices.

The fee schedule for the COBA A.I. schools is designed to teach our COBA member-customers and future customers artificial insemination at no cost to them. The course fee is \$700 with a \$100 non-refundable deposit, which will be applied to the \$700 fee. Registration slip and deposit must be received in office by the registration deadline. Each participant in the course will receive 7 (seven) \$100 semen certificates that are valid for one year to be used towards semen purchases and have no cash value. Each certificate must be used in \$100 increments. In addition, you will receive a complete A.I. manual, which details all aspects of A.I. training and more. At the end of the course, you will receive a laminated certificate of completion.

COBA/Select Sires currently has a dairy and beef line-up to meet most producers' needs. For example, it takes only 70 units of \$10 semen to make you're A.I. training FREE! A herd with good reproductive performance can expect to use 1.5 straws per pregnancy. Depending on your semen needs you can use part of your certificates this year and with some planning ahead the balance can be used for next breeding season.

There will be classroom and live cattle practice each day. You will want coveralls, over boots and warm clothes (depending on the weather) for all courses. There will be a break for meals, which are on your own.

Please adhere to the registration deadlines. If there is low registration received, there is potential for the class to be cancelled.

If you have any questions, please call me at the COBA office.

Sincerely,

COBA/SELECT SIRE S, INC.

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HERD OWNER A.I. TRAINING COURSES
COBA/SELECT SIRES, INC.

Botkins, OH – March 27 & 28, 2023 Daytime Course

Egbert's Trucking: Go past Big E Livestock. Location is on the North side of the road between May Road & Hardin Wapak Road.

Physical Address: [10343 Botkins Road, Botkins, OH 45306](#)

Days and Times: Monday & Tuesday at 10AM to 3PM.

Registration Deadline: slip & deposit must be received in office by **March 17, 2023.**

Maximum number of participants is 15.

Berlin, PA – April 6 & 7, 2023 Daytime Course

Dovan Farms: Exit 219 and go east on Mud Pike Rd. Turn right or South on Garrett Shortcut Rd. Turn left on Owl Hollow Rd. Left into driveway at Dovan Farms. Parking in front of the milkhouse at top of the hill.

Physical Address: [582 Rocky Lane, Berlin, PA 15530](#)

Days and Times: Thursday & Friday at 10AM to 2PM.

Registration Deadline: slip & deposit must be received in office by **March 27, 2023.**

Maximum number of participants is 8.

Sugarcreek, OH – May 4 & 5, 2023 Daytime Course

Four Pines Dairy: Rt. 39 South of the Dutch Valley Restaurant on Ragersville Rd. NW for 1.4 miles then left on Sugarcreek Road. Dairy is on right, go up the drive to the dairy on the hill.

Physical Address: [8064 Sugarcreek Road, Sugarcreek, OH 44681](#)

Days and Times: Thursday & Friday at 10AM to 3PM.

Registration Deadline: slip & deposit must be received in office by **April 25, 2023.**

Maximum number of participants is 15.

For additional information and training course packet contact:

COBA/Select Sires, Inc. at 1-800-837-2621

Classes are subject to cancelation due to lack of participation. Daily schedule listed below.

DAILY SCHEDULE

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| Day 1 | - Start in classroom with anatomy and physiology, work with repro-tracts from cattle. |
| | - Lunch on your own |
| | - Start A.I. technique and working in barn with cattle. |
| | - Purchase /order supplies, semen, equipment, etc. |
| Day 2 | - Start in classroom with proper semen handling and thawing. |
| | - Semen tank management, heat detection, timing of insemination, synchronization, etc. |
| | - A.I. Gun loading practice. |
| | - Lunch on your own |
| | - Work with cattle in barn. |
| | - Graduation |