



ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024




WEDNESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY



AT

EASTWOOD HALL, Lawrence Suite, Mansfield Road, Eastwood, Nottingham,
NG16 3SS

You are invited to our 2024 annual Maize Conference. It is being held Wednesday on 28th February 2024, from 8.45 am — 4:00 pm. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. We have an enthusiastic and knowledgeable panel of speakers. Many thanks to SAMCO, VADERSTAD and SILOSTOP for supporting the event.

  	
Time	Speaker and Subject
8.45 a.m.	Registration & coffee
9:45 a.m.	Welcome - John Jackson, MGA Chairman
9.50 a.m.	Main sponsors and Mole Valley message
10.10 a.m.	Beth Metson - Soil Association Exchange - encouraging positive changes to farm businesses that offer continuous environmental improvement and deliver profitability into the future.
10:30 a.m.	Neil Groom and Jon Myhill – MGA Trials to include seed dressing story
11:00 a.m.	Coffee break
11:20 a.m.	Martin Williams – River Wye Catchment – Nutrient Management
11:50 a.m.	Louise Penn – SFI opportunities and other “wins” for farmers
12:20 p.m.	Lunch
1.20 p.m.	Michael Jarmuz – Future Biogas story- AD plants without Government support
1.50 p.m.	Roman Gambirasio – The Swiss Future Farm, maize trials and why Switzerland isn't a maize country any more
2.20 p.m.	Coffee break
2:35 p.m.	John Jackson and Jon Myhill -1 st year of under sowing and technical guidance
3.05 p.m.	Becca & Lizzie - Being influencers in today's climate and using the power of social media in the industry to teach and interact with the general public
3:30 p.m.	Networking and trade stand viewing

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Introducing Our Speakers



John Jackson - John Jackson is Farm Manager at Severn Trent Green Power and MGA council chairman. He manages over 2000 hectares of maize and wholecrop which is used in their anaerobic digestion plant near Nottingham. John has worked at the farm for 35 years and has under-sown his maize with a Westerwold Ryegrass mix for the first time this year. John has had great success maximising maize yields since he started growing the crop at Stoke Bardolph in the 1980s for the former dairy unit and more recently for the anaerobic digester.



Beth Metson - Beth is Head of Agricultural Advice at Soil Association Exchange. Beth has worked in agricultural advice particularly farm environment and sustainability for 15 years. Her focus has been to take a partnership approach when working with the industry to achieve outcomes that compliment both the objectives of the farm business but also the environment that surrounds it. Her objective is to offer advice that matters. My particular focus and interests are stacking benefits on land, resource protection and resource use efficiency & creating markets for ecosystem services.



Neil Groom - MGA Council Member and Technical Director for Grainseed Ltd, Neil Groom will review aspects of the MGA research programme. Neil's experience and knowledge gained from his time heading up the maize work at NIAB and subsequently for Grainseed Ltd is considerable and practical.



Jon Myhill - Jon is the MGA agronomist, technical lead and was the project lead for the non-grass undersowing trials run in 2021, 2022 & 2023. Jon is going to explore the results of these trials, as well as provide guidance as to his thoughts on the agronomy the 2024 maize crops.



Martin Williams - Martin is a farmer and contractor in Herefordshire. He is also an ex AHDB monitor farmer. He is the co chairman of www.farmherefordshire.co.uk which is trying to help with soil and water quality in agriculture.

Martin is also member of the Wye Catchment Nutrient Management Board.



Louise Penn - Louise is a BASIS, FACTS, Soil and Water and Conservation Management qualified agronomist with a portfolio of clients in the Northamptonshire and Oxfordshire area. She is particularly interested in regenerative agriculture and soil health, and believes we have a big opportunity to be more sustainable in our farming practices and still maintain high levels of profitability and productivity.



Michael Jarmuz - Michael is feedstock development lead at Future Biogas Ltd. He is currently focusing on the development of new crop-fed AD plants across the UK. Drawing on his knowledge as an experienced agricultural manager having previously been responsible for the procurement (inc. growing) of feedstocks across multiple AD plants in Yorkshire. A strong technical knowledge including BASIS & FACTS qualifications due to my background in agronomy coupled with a wealth of practical experience having worked for various small and large scale farming enterprises.



Roman Gambirasio - Roman is working as an agronomist and product specialist for GVS Agrar, the largest machinery importer in Switzerland. As GVS Agrar, they are also project partner of the Swiss Future Farm.

The Swiss Future Farm (SFF) is a project of the Arenenberg Education and Consulting Centre (BBZ), GVS Agrar AG and AGCO Corporation. The project partners use the common synergies to take up the opportunities created by digital change for agriculture and to create practical solutions for farmers.

At the SFF test facility in Tänikon, state-of-the-art machines and software are used under real conditions. Farmers, experts and visitors are given an insight into the collection of data, which is continuously evaluated and integrated into the development of new technologies and farming methods



Becca & Lizzie - Becca and Lizzie is a podcast and video series which aims to bridge the gap between farmers and non-farmers, showing how people from different backgrounds can find a foothold in this diverse and exciting industry.

Presented by Farmer's Weekly community editor Lizzie McLaughlin and 5th generation farmer Becca Wilson. They have over 60k followers on Instagram.

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Knowledge grows



All of the above companies will be having trade stands at our 2024 MGA conference. There will be dedicated time to view all the trade stands and speak to the companies about their products and services during the conference on the 28th.