



## MGA Trip to Ireland 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> July 2013

Dear Whoever

You are invited to join the MGA study to Ireland during July 2013. We aim to focus on maize grown under plastic although will inevitably discuss conventional maize growing as a comparison.

**Dates** – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July

**Venue** – Dublin, Ireland

**Arrangements** –

- Flights to Dublin Airport and transport to Hotel (nr Airport in Dublin) to be arranged by individual traveller
- Accommodation & Travel in Ireland to be arranged by MGA

**Likely cost** –

- Flights (to be paid for by individual) £120
- Estimated total cost (including flight) - £450/hd

**Next Step** –

- Book place with MGA.
- Book flight to Dublin to arrive during morning of 9<sup>th</sup> July and return afternoon of Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July

**Proposed Plan of action (Timings may alter but content will remain as stated)**

Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	UK farmers arrive and get to Hotel for buffet lunch
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	12.30 onwards	Introduction to Maize growing on the Island of Ireland Review of Northern Ireland maize Research and Development – Trevor Gilliland Evening visit to University College Dublin with extensive trials looking into variety choice, seed rates, plastic film types, herbicides, soil types, soil structure and Nitrogen rates – in association with SAMCO
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Morning	Review of Irish Maize Research and Development led by Tim O'Donovan, Tillage specialist with Teagasc and colleagues
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Afternoon	Farm visits to one Beef and one Dairy farm growing and using maize under plastic.
Thursday 11th July	Morning	Site visit to Department of Agriculture maize under plastic variety trial site.
Thursday 11th July	Afternoon – Meeting close at 14.00	Head home

Please fill in the reply slip below and return it to the MGA office. **Please remember to book your flights to and from Dublin ASAP to avoid disappointment or price rises.**

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Please complete and return to the MGA Office, Town Barton Farm, Sandford, Crediton, Devon. EX17 4LS. Tel. 01363 775040. Fax 01363 776938 , [info@maizegrowersassociation.co.uk](mailto:info@maizegrowersassociation.co.uk) by Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of June.

I would like to book \_\_\_\_\_ place/s

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