

Maize Training Days Winter 2014/2015

The Maize Growers Association (MGA) is delighted to invite all growers to the “Maize Training Days” this March. The aim is to learn the practical lessons from the 2014 growing season, as well as provide an update on the latest UK based maize research. Industry specialists including **Simon Draper** and **John Morgan** from the MGA and **John Williams** from ADAS will be presenting the events which will cover:

1. **Top ten tips of growing a great crop of maize including:**
 - Fertiliser for maize, with a focus on Sulphur and starter fertilizer.
 - Disease and pest threats.
 - Variety choice for maize grown with and without film.
 - Weed control options.
 - Seed dressing options.
 - Undersowing maize with grass, without a yield penalty.
2. **Over winter management of maize** including under/over sowing options and the implications and opportunities presented by the new Basic Payment Scheme, Greening and Cross Compliance.
3. **Results from the DEFRA funded, ADAS managed, competitive maize cultivation with reduced environmental impact trial.**

The trial was based on two sites (Devon and Norfolk) with five replicated treatments observing soil and nutrient loss and treatments aimed to maintain and enhance biodiversity within the maize crop. Treatments on trial included: maize grown under film, maize strip drilled with grass, maize strip drilled into an established mixed legume sward, non inversion cultivation.

EVENT DETAILS

EAST MIDLANDS		SOUTH EAST	
DATE	Tuesday 10 th March	DATE	Wednesday 11 th March
VENUE	Severn Trent Water, Stoke Bardolph, Burton Joyce, Nottingham. NG14 5HT	VENUE	CEDAR, Hall Farm, Arborfield, Reading, Berkshire. RG2 9HX
TIME	10.30 am for coffee and registration	TIME	10.30 am for coffee and registration



The event is open to all. Booking is essential. Please contact the Maize Growers Association office on 01363 775040 or info@maizegrowersassociation.co.uk