



MAIZE GROWERS ASSOCIATION MAIZE CONFERENCE 2016



Thursday 25th February 2016

At

The Peterborough Arena, East of England Showground, Peterborough.
PE2 6XE

- 9.00 a.m. REGISTRATION & COFFEE –
- 9.45 a.m. WELCOME – MICHAEL CHRISTENSEN, MGA CHAIRMAN.
- 9.50 a.m. OPENING ADDRESS BY GRAEME COCK, CHAIRMAN OF MOLE VALLEY FARMERS –MGA MAIN SPONSORS
- 10.00 a.m. PROF PHILIP WHITE, JAMES HUTTON INSTITUTE – MICRO NUTRIENT REQUIREMENTS FOR MAIZE GROWN FOR SILAGE AND GRAIN
- 10.30 a.m. BRIDGET LYNCH, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN (UCD) – AGRONOMY AND ANIMAL NUTRITION LESSONS LEARNT FROM THE ENTERPRISE IRELAND INNOVATION PROJECT.
- 11.10 a.m. **COFFEE BREAK.**
- 11.30 p.m. JOE FOOT, DAVID FOOT LTD, BINCOMBE, DORSET– THE ROLE AND AGRONOMY OF MAIZE GROWING ON OUR DORSET MIXED FARM.
- 12.00 p.m. TIM CHAMEN, CONTROLLED TRAFFIC FARMING (CTF) EUROPE– CULTIVATION/SOIL MANAGEMENT ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH MAIZE GROWING
- 12.30 p.m. JOHN MORGAN- MGA AND CREEDY ASSOCIATES – THE ACTIVITIES OF THE MGA OFFICE TEAM AND OUR ONGOING ROLE IN PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE MAIZE GROWING.
- 1.00 p.m. **LUNCH.**
- 2.00 p.m. **MGA RESEARCH RESULTS 2015 – SIMON DRAPER AND NEIL GROOM WILL REVIEW THE MGA 2015 AGRONOMY TRIALS RESULTS INCLUDING A BIOGAS RESEARCH REVIEW BY OLIVER KNOWLAND.**
- 3.00 p.m. **“SHORT & SWEET”**
A FUN AND ENTERTAINING CHANCE TO CATCH UP ON ALL THAT IS CURRENT IN THE UK MAIZE SECTOR VIA A QUICK FIRE FIVE MINUTE PRESENTATIONS.

Please complete and send, together with payment, to the MGA Office, Town Barton Farm, Sandford, Crediton, Devon. EX17 4LS. Tel 01363 775040 fax 01363 776938

Member price £45 + VAT, non-member price £65 + VAT. Please note that tickets are non-refundable.

I would like to book _____ member place/s (£54.00) and _____ non-member places (£78.00)

Name: _____ Address: _____

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I enclose a cheque payment of _____

The speakers for the maize conference will be:

PROFESSOR PHILIP WHITE

Professor Philip J. White graduated from Oxford University with a BA in Biochemistry in 1983. In 1987, he was awarded a PhD in Natural Sciences (Botany) from the University of Manchester. He has worked at the Universities of Edinburgh and Cambridge and, from 1992 to 2006, was employed by Horticulture Research International. Between 2006 and 2011, he led the successful Environment Plant Interactions Programme at the Scottish Crop Research Institute, Dundee. He is engaged on projects addressing plant mineral nutrition, from the genes to the harvest. Philip has agreed to address the issue of Micronutrient requirements/supply to maize crops grown for silage and grain.

DR BRIDGET LYNCH

Bridget is the grass and forage science lecturer and research scientist in the University College Dublin (UCD) School of Agriculture and Food Science. Bridget is heading up the two year SAMCO, UCD Enterprise Ireland Innovation partnership Research Project, which is focused on identifying optimum practise in terms of yield of crop and energy from maize grown in marginal areas. The project has also reviewed the response in milk production when maize silage supplemented at grass and when maize is fed as a replacement for high starch concentrate. Bridget will update conference on the results of her project with a focus on the nutritional elements of her projects.

MR JOE FOOT

The Foot family has been farming at Bincombe near Weymouth in Dorset since 1878. The farm comprises 2250 acres of which half is rented from Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge and the rest is owned. Joe and his Brother Sam the fourth generation Foots involved in the family business which now trades as David Foot Ltd.

The farming enterprise has expanded to its current position milking 630 cows on four different units, an arable operation of 1000 acres of cereals and 250 acres of oilseeds. 250 acres of maize are grown for silage with the remaining 750 acres in grass. There is also a flock of 400 Pedigree Poll Dorset ewes, established in 1886. Ewes lamb in September, grazing surplus dairy grass, with lambs sold through Waitrose as Dorset Lamb under the Farm House lamb label.

MR TIM CHAMEN

Tim has spend 39+ years in fundamental and applied research and machinery development in agriculture and has developed particular expertise on soil and machinery interactions and in the design, operation and economics of controlled traffic farming (CTF) systems. Tim works on the development and promotion of controlled traffic farming systems through targeted presentations (including for HGCA and Natural England amongst others) and his consultancy to both UK and global companies. Tim's ongoing commercial field research is focused soil stresses under tyres and tracks and the effects of soil compaction on cropping systems. Tim will speak to conference on cultivation and soil management issues associated with maize growing.

MR JOHN MORGAN

MGA office team leader John Morgan is principle consultant with Creedy Associates; the Devon based agricultural consultancy which provides technical and administration support for the MGA. Alongside his MGA role John provides profit focused business and technical advice to individual farmers, plus regional and national organisations. John has particular interest in the sustainable growing and use of forage crops including maize and grass and has been involved via various roles within the MGA for approaching 20 years. John will update conference as to the activities of the MGA office team with a particular focus on the work being done to address the very real and current issues associated with the sustainability of maize growing.

MR SIMON DRAPER

Simon Draper is known to most members as the independent MGA agronomist who oversees the MGA Research and Development Programme. Simons experience gained from visiting maize crops over many years is second to none and his paper is focused on reporting on the results of recent MGA research and the lessons to be learnt from 2015, will no doubt yet again provide agronomic gems, the use of which will result in lower cost, better quality maize being grown by members.

MR NEIL GROOM

MGA Council Member and Technical Director for Grainseed Ltd, Neil Groom will talk alongside Simon Draper to 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 and as a consequence his presentation to conference should be significant.

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