



MAIZE GROWERS ASSOCIATION MAIZE CONFERENCE 2014



Thursday 13th February 2014

At

Easterbrook Hall, The Crichton, Bankend Road,
Dumfries. DG1 4TA

- 8.00 a.m. MEET AT CRICHTON ROYAL FARM, DG1 4AS FOR AN OPTIONAL TOUR OF THE RESEARCH FARM.
- 10.00 a.m. REGISTRATION & COFFEE –
- 10.30 a.m. WELCOME - HUGH McCLYMONT, MGA CHAIRMAN
- 10.35 a.m. OPENING ADDRESS BY GRAEME COCK, CHAIRMAN OF MOLE VALLEY FARMERS –MGA MAIN SPONSORS
- 10.45 a.m. MAIZE RESEARCH IN IRELAND – REPORT ON SAMCO, UCD ENTERPRISE IRELAND INNOVATION PARTNERSHIP RESEARCH PROJECT
Dr Bridget Lynch – University College Dublin
- 11.15 a.m. MAIZE GROWING USING MIN TILL AND PLASTIC
Graeme Cock, South Devon dairy farmer.
- 11.45 a.m. COFFEE BREAK.
- 12.05 p.m. ESTIMATION OF RUMINANT ENERGY AND DEGRADABILITY VALUES OF MAIZE SILAGE, USING NEAR INFRARED REFLECTANCE SPECTROSCOPY.
Jonathan Blake – (Forage Analytical Assurance Group).
- 12.30 p.m. GROWING MAIZE FOR AD IN CUMBRIA
Alistair Wannop – Dairy Farmer, Maize Grower and Biogas Producer
- 1.00 p.m. LUNCH.
- 2.00 p.m. MGA RESEARCH RESULTS 2013 – DETAILED REPORTING OF THE RESULTS FROM THE 2013 MGA AGRONOMY RESEARCH PROGRAMME. TRIALS TO BE REPORTED ON INCLUDE –PRE & POST EMERGENCE HERBICIDE OPTIONS, DEFRA 2 SITE CULTIVATIONS, BIODIVERSITY & SOIL CHALLENGES TRIAL. SULPHUR REQUIREMENTS FOR MAIZE AND EYESPOT FUNGICIDE TRIAL.
Simon Draper – (MGA Agronomist) & Neil Groom – (MGA Council).
- 2.45 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 PRESENTATION BY MEMBERS OF THE TRADE.

Booking Your Place

Overnight Package

As well as the normal attendance at the conference only option, we are pleased to announce that we have been able to put together a full overnight package for attendees keen to make the most of their trip. Included in the overnight package is bus transport to and from venues, tour of the Globe Inn, including whisky tasting and cheese/biscuits, evening dinner and entertainment, plus bed and breakfast accommodation. Single, double and twin rooms are available.

Reply slip

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
Please note that tickets are non-refundable.

Name _____

Address _____

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MGA Members rate	Conference only	Dinner on 12 th + Conference 13 th	Hotel B & B + conference only	Overnight packages including whisky tasting tour
Delegate Name	£54 inc VAT	£95 inc VAT	£143 inc VAT	£234 inc VAT
Non MGA Members rate	Conference only	Dinner on 12 th + Conference 13 th	Hotel B & B + conference only	Overnight packages including whisky tasting tour
Delegate Name	£72 inc VAT	£114 inc VAT	£166 inc VAT	£245 inc VAT

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GRAEME COCK

Graeme & brother Patrick milk cows and grow maize on a high output system nr Ashburton in Devon. While the location in the country may suggest the farm is in good maize growing country, the topography and soil type of the farm make it an ongoing challenge to produce the quality and quantities of maize required for the high yielding cows. To counter this, Graeme has for several years avoided inversion tillage and has chosen to grow an increasing area (300+ acres in 2013) using plastic film. Graeme is an MGA council member and is Chairman of Mole Valley Farmers.

BRIDGET LYNCH

Bridget is the grass and forage science lecturer and research scientist in the 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 yield of crop and energy from maize grown in marginal areas. Her work is focused on maize under plastic looking at weed control, nitrogen requirements as well as plastic quality.

JONATHAN BLAKE

As technical secretary of the Forage Analytical Assurance Group (FAA) Jonathan will speak for a second time to conference, this time on the final results of the two year LINK project looking into improving the analysis of maize silage.

ALISTAIR WANNOP

Alistair Wannop, along with his wife, runs a 1000 acre dairy and arable unit near Carlisle. Alongside his other interests Alistair has developed the first ring in ring AD plant in the UK which has been running since April 2012. With maize under plastic as film Alistair's paper to conference should contain something of interest for most delegates.

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 and DEFRA funded research.

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.