

# MGA TIMES

## Maize Growers Association

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### AGM Invitation

Firstly please accept our apologies for having to postpone the associations Annual General Meeting (AGM) in June. We would like to invite you to the rescheduled AGM, to be held on Thursday 1st September at 12pm. The AGM is being held in Norfolk, where, as well as hearing the annual review of MGA activities, we will have the opportunity to visit 'strip' trials that are taking place onsite. Please let us know at the

### Clarification on payment

We have recently received a payment into the MGA bank account with the reference PRO CA-RUTHE. Unfortunately we are struggling to match the payment to an invoice. If you have sent this payment to us please can you contact Kate at :

info@maizegrowersassociation.co.uk

Please can we kindly ask that you quote an invoice number when making a payment to us. Many thanks

### Time to get the garden shredder out

With harvest fast approaching and crops drying fast please look out, within this mailing, for Jon Myhill's (MGA Agronomist) latest contribution reminding you of the importance and methodology of pre harvest DM% testing.



### South West Trial site open evening

Many thanks to everyone who attended the south west open evening a few weeks ago. The weather was on our side and we had some great discussions. A summary is include within this mailing.

## MGA Norfolk Trial Site Open Breakfast



Friday 12th August 2022

8.00—9.30am



The Maize Growers Association would like to invite you to see our small plot trials near Wymondham, Norfolk on Friday 12th August at 8am. We will be meeting at the NIAB offices for breakfast before walking over to the site. There will be the opportunity to look around the small plot trials being run here, as well as to hear about the theory behind them and learn of any observations found so far. In addition, Ellie Sweetman, forage crop specialist for NIAB, will be talking us through the NIAB variety trials also on this site, so there will be a first chance to see some of the varieties that may be in the MGA Recommended Variety Booklet 2023.

Tea/coffee/bacon sandwiches will be provided! Open to any non-member contacts that you may have so that they can see a little of what the MGA do, and perhaps be encouraged to join to find out the final trial results at the conference next year.

Trials being run at the Norfolk site include:

[Nitrogen Curve](#)

[Fungicides](#)

[Biostimulants](#)

There will be refreshments so please let us know if you're hoping to attend so that we have an idea of numbers.

The trial site is near Wymondham, Norfolk, kindly hosted by David Jones, Morley Farms. The postcode of the site will be provided once you have expressed an interest. Please contact Kate at info@maizegrowersassociation.co.uk to book

## All change in the MGA office

It was with real sadness that earlier in July the MGA and Creedy Associates said our farewells to Sarah Tucker who for the last three and a half years has been whipping us all into shape as Office Manager. Sarah came to us from Reading University with a clear desire to make a positive difference to what ever she was involved with. Having organised three virtual conferences, numerous farm events and many MGA mailings between the day to day dealing with membership administration Sarah also support the Creedy Associates advisory team to the extent that when the opportunity came for a full time consultancy role with a national business Sarah, understandably, took it. We wish Sarah well in the future and are pleased to say that she has left the organisation in a better place than when she arrived. Sarah's early notification of her decision to move on allowed us to recruit her replacement in good time and enabled us to have a reasonable carry over with her replacement. Kate Baker took on the role of Office Manager in mid June and has slotted into the job fantastically. While not directly involved in agriculture Kate's was brought up in rural Mid Devon and is keen to improve her knowledge of farming and the role of Maize. Kate comes with considerable and varied administration expertise plus the confidence to have a go at most things. We can look forward to very good things to come. All we ask is that members bare with Kate as she settles into her very varied role. (Photo taken by Sarah at the 2021 SW trial site open evening picture showing mechanical hoeing).



Are you using starter fertiliser?

The pressure, understandably, remains to only apply nutrients required by the crops we all grow. A particular issue is the need and application of phosphorus starter fertiliser close to the seed at drilling. To improve our understanding of current practice and the logic behind the use of stater fertiliser please with the hope that next years trials will be useful to members please could we ask that you drop us an email with your thoughts on the need for starter fert. Do you use DAP or straight nitrogen? How do you make your decision to use either or none? How much to you use and how did you decide how much to use? Basically the more info the better. Please jot your thoughts down in an email and be prepared for a call at some point to improve our understanding. Thanks in advance!.

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