

# MGA TIMES



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## MAIZE DRILLING COURSE

Consistent seed placement at drilling is one of the most important steps down the road towards a great crop of maize. It is with top quality drilling in mind that with the help of Rod and David from Bright Seeds, the MGA are running three Maize Drilling Courses during March next year. The courses will be very practical, being focused around a real-life maize drill and run by Simon Draper, MGA Agronomist.

### Objectives

- Improve understanding of why precision seed and fertiliser spacing within the row and seed and fertiliser depth are particularly important to maize.
- Improve understanding of what makes a good maize seedbed
- Better understand the cultivation options available to make a good maize seedbed
- Improve understanding of the need or lack of need for starter fertiliser.

### Plan of action

To run a 3 hour morning course based at local agricultural colleges to consist of

- Arrival at 9.30 for coffee/registration
- Classroom presentation given by MGA representative setting out the importance of top quality drilling to include:
  - Seed spacing
  - Seed depth
  - Target seedbed conditions
  - Use of starter fertiliser
- Practical field or workshop session with engineer talking and demonstrating drill set up

### Dates

Sparsholt College, Hampshire, SO21 2NF  
 Kingston Maurward, Dorset, DT2 8PY  
 Plumpton College, E. Sussex, BN7 3AE

18th March - Sponsored by Vaderstad.  
 19th March - Supported by Amazone.  
 27th March - Sponsored by Vaderstad.

Please email to book a ticket at your chosen event. Ticket price will be £50 + VAT per head (£60 inc. VAT)  
 Spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis.  
 We have a limit per event of 20 delegates.

We would like to thank Bright Seeds for their help in organising and Vaderstad for sponsoring the events.

## DON'T FORGET!!

Don't forget to claim your BASIS and NRoSO points for membership this year!

You may claim **3** BASIS points

You may claim **2** NRoSO points

Call us for the relevant reference numbers!



## MGA OFFICE MOVING OFFICE

The Maize Growers Office is moving in January, only into the next Parish, but far enough away to confuse the postman!

From now on could you please send any correspondence, invoices or payments to:

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