

# MGA TIMES

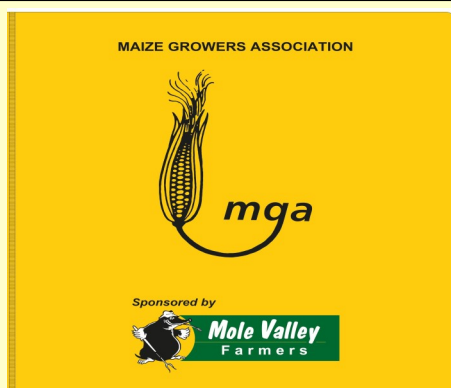


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When a farmer joins the Maize Growers Association they are sent a membership pack, which includes a folder to hold all the MGA articles in.

We have just ordered a new batch, so if you are already a member and have filled up your existing bright yellow folder, for a fee of £10 to include postage I can send you a new one.

## MGA CONFERENCE REPORT

By the end of February you hope the worst of the winter weather is over, so arranging the MGA Maize conference for the 28th February seemed like a good idea six months ago. Well, I can only say how marvellous it was to see so many of the delegates from all around the country turning up to what turned out to be a very interesting and informative conference. We had two excellent papers from our German speakers and Innes McEwen (MGA council member) gave us a very interesting insight into how Future Biogas run their AD Plants. Mike Wilkinson then talked through realising the potential of maize and wholecrop silage.

After a very welcome hot lunch, Simon Draper, Neil Groom and Oliver Knowland reviewed the results of all the 2017 trials.

The decision was then made to end the conference to let people get home safely, this meant the “Question Time” session was cancelled, but we have asked

the panel to write their answers to the questions we drew from the farmer survey last year. These are included in this mailing.

If you would like a hard copy of the papers, please let Jean know and for the cost of postage she will send them on. They are also available on the MGA website.

Finally we would like to thank ARK Agriculture (formally BOCK) and Syngenta for once again sponsoring the conference, the commercial companies that had stands and everyone who braved the elements to attend.



**Hauke Heuwinkle talking about gas production from maize**

## Maize seed

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**MGA Annual General Meeting** to which all members are invited will be held on the afternoon (2.00 p.m.) Tuesday 12th of June at the NIAB headquarters in Cambridge. For security reasons please let Jean in the office know if you plan to attend.

**Last word:**

In the last mailing I asked for volunteers to record the soil temperatures in readiness for the new maize season, I did say I was going to start recording on 1st March, as we had a few inches of snow on the ground I gave that idea up, so my plan now is to start on 1st April, the only thing is they are now saying we may have a “white Easter”. What a strange winter we have had. I only have one volunteer so far, thank you Barrie Bryer who farms near Langport in Somerset. I would like to get a range from all parts of the country, so if you do measure the soil temperature, could you email me your readings please.

Finally we hope that you have a good maize growing season in 2018.