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European Maize Meeting - 3rd and 4th September 2019

You will have seen in previous newsletters the mention of the European Maize Meeting (EMM). At the EMM, members of similar MGA-type organisations and researchers come together from countries such as Denmark, Belgium, France and Italy to discuss a theme (this year is 'Practical Nutrient Management') and explain the status of the maize crop in their country, including any issues they're currently facing, along with any new ideas that they are exploring. This year it is our turn to host. We will be going to Nottingham to explore the university's research and see some of the city. The meeting will be held on the 3rd September in the University Park campus, followed by a meal and game of croquet. On 4th September, we head to Sutton Bonington campus to learn about their research into maize and have a tour of their dairy facilities. If you are interested in joining us for the event, please call or email the office for more information.



Members of the European Maize Committee at last years' meeting in Belgium

MGA, NIAB and Future Biogas Trial Walk - 7th August 2019

On 7th August at 8am we will be running a tour in conjunction with NIAB and Future Biogas of some of our trials in Attleborough, Norfolk. The trials being held here are the starter fertiliser, N curve and inhibitor, biostimulant and low drilling population trials. Once our MGA council members, Neil Groom and Oli Knowland, have walked you through the above trials, Ellie Sweetman (forage crop specialist for NIAB) will give a quick explanation of the NIAB variety trials on the same site. You will see varieties that may end up on future MGA Recommended Variety Booklets. The event is expected to be 1.5 hrs long and there will be refreshments. Please contact the office for more information.



Neil Groom talking attendees through trials at an open event last year

Harvest Course Invites

Plans have now been confirmed for our harvest courses. They'll be in a similar format to our drilling courses in March. See the invite enclosed and give me a call! Spaces limited and first-come, first-served!



DID YOU KNOW...?

The first mechanical maize harvester was built in 1930 by Gleaner Harvester Combine Corporation of Independence in Missouri



Mole Valley
FARMERS

Maize Master

Three fast growing Italians

Lasts two years
Multiple cuts
Soaks up surplus N
Reduces soil erosion

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Dates for your diary:

7th August - Norfolk trial plots open breakfast with NIAB and Future Biogas,

27th August - Harvest course, University of Reading

28th August - Harvest course, Harper Adams University

29th August - Harvest course, Nottingham University

3rd-4th September - European Maize Meeting, Nottingham

2nd October - Bath and West Dairy Show (Come and see us in the Edmund Rack Pavilion)

31st October - Hallowe'en 🎃