



# MGA TIMES

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## Seed Dressing

As reported at the MGA conference earlier in the month because of the regulations connected to Brexit, all pesticides used in the UK have to be approved on the UK Pesticide Register. This includes the seed treatments applied by the maize breeders in Europe.

This process takes a long time due to the data involved. So unless CRD approve the use of Redigo M fungicide, Korit 420 FS bird deterrent and Force 20 CS insecticide all of the maize seed for 2024 will have to be untreated.

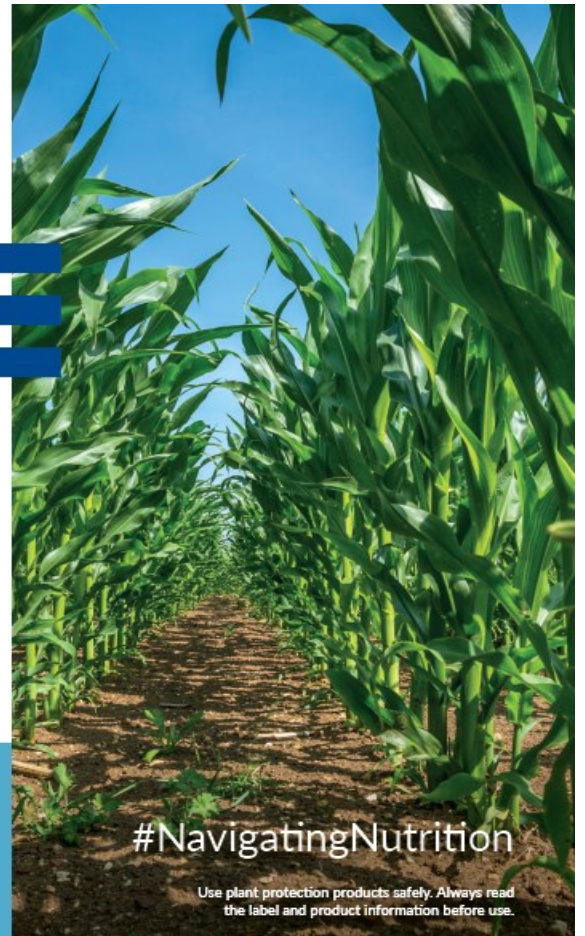
We are therefore asking your help to lobby your local MP and the Minister of Food, Farming and Fisheries, Mark Spencer ([mark.spencer.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:mark.spencer.mp@parliament.uk)).

A good start is to send them the letter written by the MGA, BSPB and NIAB included within this mailing, copies available electronically from the office. The letter details why the use of seed dressings is important for UK maize growers and why we are asking for help to get these pesticides registered on the UK register before the deadline of 1 Jan 2024.



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# MGA Conference 2023



Thank you to everyone who attended the MGA conference on the 8th February. We had an excellent turn out and brilliant speakers. We have had such an amazing amount of positive feedback regarding the day and the quality of our speakers this year.

A big thank you to Reading University for hosting us and to Chris Reynolds and his team at CEDAR for a excellent farm tour. We also want to say a big thank you to our main sponsors SAMCO System and Vaderstad who made the event possible with their contributions. For all of our members unable to attend, the speaker presentations are available on our website to view. Jon Myhill our MGA agronomist has also written an article for this addition of the MGA Times summarising our herbicide trials, so look out for that.

*Calf at CEDAR*



*Attendees at CEDAR farm tour*



*Attendees listening to Ellie Sweetman's (NIAB) presentation*



*SAMCO System Trade stand*



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