



Maize Establishment Course

We are holding a 1 hour maize establishment course with our MGA agronomist Jon Myhill and MGA consultant John Morgan on **Thursday 6th April at 6pm**. This is an online course via Zoom. This will be an alternative to the maize establishment mailing that we usually send out around this time.

The below topics will be being covered by Jon Myhill

- ◆ Pre-drilling decisions
- ◆ Basic maize drill maintenance
- ◆ The ideal seedbed
- ◆ Knowing when to drill using soil temperatures and target harvest date
- ◆ Drilling depth and seed rates



John Morgan will be covering nutrient management .

This is a free event for MGA members and a great opportunity to gain some excellent knowledge and ask any questions you may have regarding the above topics. If you would like to book a place on this course please visit our Eventbrite page by following or typing in the link <https://bit.ly/3FpIDUY>

Maize Eyespot

The MGA has received a request for help NIAB forage division regarding maize eyespot samples. NIAB are keen to gain more knowledge regarding the different strains of maize eyespot. We are therefore asking MGA members to help NIAB by sending any samples you may get over the coming months.

Please send your samples to Sandra Chapman, NIAB Park Farm, Villa Road, Impinton, Histon, Cambridge, CB24 9NZ. Please ensure that your samples are sent fresh, in a plastic bag with a paper towel/ tissue. Many thanks



Soil Temperatures

It is that time of year AGAIN! We would like to collect soil temperatures for the next six to eight weeks to guide those of you unsure when to drill. As it is near April, we will be reporting soil temperature readings on Mondays and Thursdays. Please do send readings through whenever you have them but note that they will not be emailed until the following Monday/Thursday. I will need your address/region, soil temperature, and depth of measurement and time taken if not 5cm at 9am. Here is a quick overview on measuring soil temps, please contact the office if you require more details.

When: 9am, as often as you like! **Where:** Your soon-to-be -maize field, same place every time. **How:** Use a soil thermometer to measure the temperature at 5cm deep (if you have a weather station that measures to 10cm deep please still send your recordings—I will make a note when reporting them). **Why:** Because drilling should take place when soil temperatures have reached 8°C+ for a week or more.

Readings will be sent out via email so if you are not on our email list please contact the office with your email address so that we can include you.