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MGA Conference 2025



TICKETS ARE NOW LIVE. Tickets are now available to purchase on Eventbrite. A full program of the conference is attached to this addition of the MGA Times. We have a great range of speakers for next years conference. Both days look set to be excellent. We have a very limited amount of trade stands left if any commercial companies are interested. Please contact Kate on info@maizegrowersassociation.co.uk

Eventbrite link - <https://bit.ly/3XjXast>



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This year will be the same format as last year that you can purchase either 1 or 2 day tickets. Ticket numbers will be limited for both days and are on a first come first serve bases. The event program can be subject to some small changes but any changes will be communicated to you.



Passing of the maize baton



Last week we held the 36th AGM, at this meeting our current chairman John Jackson decided to step down from his role. We would all like to say a massive thank you to John for his time as Chairman. John has been Chairman twice in his MGA history and this time around saw him in post since 2019. John has been a constant champion of the MGA and a fantastic chairman. Luckily we aren't losing him as he is staying on as an MGA council member. The good news is that John is passing the role as Chairman onto Michael Jarmuz. Michael has been part of the MGA council for the last 2 years, has been vice chair for the last year. His job outside of the MGA is working for Future Biogas. We wish Michael the very best of luck in his new role as Chairman. With the role of vice chair open Will Oliver who has also been on the MGA council for around 2 years was elected. The council are very excited for the future and what the new chair and vice chair will do going forward.



Will Oliver pictured above



John Jackson pictured on the left with Michael Jarmuz on the right

Harvest 2024

It's been a very mixed year for maize 2024. With some having planted very late due to the wet spring and others where the weather was kinder being able to plant earlier. **We have received reports that maize crops are drying down quicker than expected, resulting in an earlier harvest date. This is good news!** We were at our Norfolk trial site last week and that was looking ready to be harvested this week. Another trial site was harvested last week! However we are very aware that not all have been so lucky and there may well be some late harvesting this season. Jon Myhill our MGA Agronomist has written an article in this month's Times for all of you still waiting to harvest. If you have any questions please get in touch.



Trials



It has been a busy week for Jon and I. We have been out and about at various events which have enabled us to visit a couple of our trial sites. We visited our Norfolk and Harper Adams trial sites, both of which are looking great & close to harvest. We are looking forward to some excellent trial data from all of our trial sites this year. Our trial data will be available to all our members at our conference in February and after if you are unable to attend the conference.



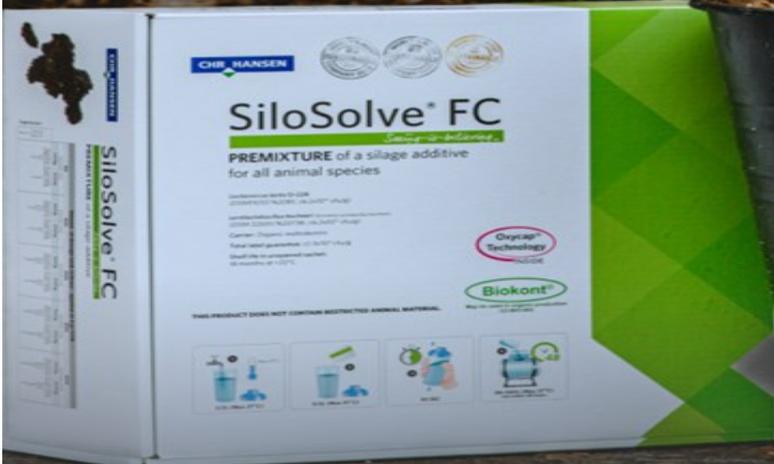
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CSF training day

This week saw Jon and I at Harper Adam's University for Catchment Sensitive Farming training days. This was a 2 day event, the first day just for CSF advisors and the second day for farmers. This event brought people from all over the country. Jon Myhill represented the MGA and spoke on both days regarding sustainable maize management. We had a brilliant day and the excellent team at Harper Adam's showed us around their fantastic dairy. We got to speak to a range of different people regarding maize growing and also got to show both groups around our trial site located at Harper Adams. Jon has now done a range of these events, if your company is looking for any help with training your team or having a refresher course please get in touch.



Address and invoice numbers



Please can I ask everyone when contacting the MGA via post that you use our new office address below:

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Our old address at Great Gutton Farm is someone's personal home and they are still receiving post from MGA members.

Also when paying invoices please can I ask that everyone quotes the invoice number provided. Without invoice numbers payments can get mis-allocated.

Mole Valley Farmers



As many of you will know Mole Valley Farmers have been our main sponsors for the last 15 years. Mole Valley have been excellent main sponsors to the MGA throughout these years and showed great support to our organisation. Mole Valley have decided that it is time to let another company become our main sponsors after so many years. We would like to say a big thank you to Mole Valley for so many years of support. We look forward to still working with them going forward and wish them the very best.





ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024
Tuesday 11th FEBRUARY
AT



South West Dairy Development Centre

Beard Hill Farm, Pylle, Shepton Mallet, BA4 6SS

&

Steanbow Farms Ltd

Steanbow Pilton, Shepton Mallet BA4 4EH

A big thank you to Michael Christensen and his team at Steanbow Farms Ltd.

Time	
10:45 am	Meet at South West Dairy Development Centre
11 am	Introduction by the Dairy Development team
11:15am	Tour of the center
12:30-1pm	Buffet Lunch
1-1:30pm	Introduction to farming Glastonbury and the Steanbow farm
1:30-2:30pm	Tour of Glastonbury site/ Steanbow Farms
2:30-2:45pm	Any questions
3pm	Day end

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE WEDNESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

BASIS 2025

NRISO
National Register of Sprayer Operators

AT

BATH AND WEST SHOWGROUND

The Showground, Shepton Mallet, BA4 5QT

You are invited to our 2025 Annual Maize Conference. It is being held on 12th February 2025, from 8.45 am— 3:35pm. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. We have an enthusiastic and knowledgeable panel of speakers.

Thanks to SAMCO and VADERSTAD for supporting the event.



Time	Speaker and Subject
8.45 a.m.	Registration & coffee
9:45 a.m.	Welcome – Michael Jarmuz, MGA Chairman
9:55 a.m.	Main sponsors message
10.10 a.m.	Speaker 1- Julian Little – Julian will discuss the current political landscape give a seed dressing update.
10:40 a.m.	Speaker 2 – Hannah Baldwin – Ecometric – Carbon capture – Hannah will introduce AI technology to deliver practical, real-world, data solutions to soil management.
11:10 a.m.	Coffee break
11:40 a.m.	Speaker 3 – Max Hetto – Farming in Germany, an insight into farming life – The family's dairy herd and talk about the latest concepts in European maize farming.
12:10 p.m.	Speaker 4 – Jon Myhill & Neil Groom – MGA Trials- Presenting the latest trials and research data.
12:40 p.m.	Lunch
1:40 p.m.	Speaker 5 – Sophie Gregory- Nuffield Scholar, 2021 Dairy Woman of the Year. Sophie will talk about her organic dairy herd and how she is trying to bridge the gap with the public.
2:10 p.m.	Speaker 6 – Becky Willson- Farm Carbon Toolkit- Nuffield Scholar – Becky will present the latest data on projects they are running to improve soil health and carbon capture
2:40 p.m.	Coffee break
3 p.m.	Speaker 7 – To be confirmed
3:30– 4pm	Networking and trade stand viewing

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