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MGA Open Breakfasts



We are very pleased to announce the dates for our MGA open breakfasts at our Morley Trial site in Norfolk and our South West Trial Site in Shepton Mallet.



Morley Trial Site Open Breakfast will be held on Wednesday 7th August 2025 8-9:30am

Shepton Trial Site Open Breakfast will be held on Wednesday 21st August 8-9:30am

As in the past these events are free to members but non-members are welcome to for a small fee to cover the cost of their breakfast. Breakfast will be bacon baps with a cup of tea or coffee (options for people with dietary requirements are available on request prior to the events)

Please book your place by using the Eventbrite link's below



Morley <https://bit.ly/4bqq8fj>



Shepton <https://bit.ly/3LcH4eu>

Save The Date MGA Conference 2025



The MGA team are very excited to announce that the MGA Conference 2025 will be held in Shepton Mallet on the 11th and 12th February 2025. We will be keeping the 2-day format that we had this year as we had such amazing feedback from you all. The first day will be farm tours at MGA council member, Micheal Christensen's farm and the dairy centre. The second day, our main conference day will be held at the Bath and West showground. Ticket's will be on sale shortly so keep an eye out for emails from us. If you are a company and wish to have a stand at the conference please get in touch with Kate in the office for more details. Places for stands get booked very quickly and are on a first come first serve basis, so please keep that in mind if you are interested.



Maize Eyespot



The MGA has received a request for help from NIAB forage division regarding maize eyespot. The team at



NIAB are keen to gain more knowledge regarding the different strains of the disease. We are therefore asking MGA members to help by sending the project team, 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

BASIS Points Code 24/25



If any of our members are in need of some BASIS points for 24/25, we have received the following code from BASIS

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This code is for MGA members only and should not be passed onto anyone else please.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kate in the office via email or phone.



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Morley Innovation Day 2024



Well, what a fantastic day Jon and I had at the Morley Innovation Day. Held on the 20th June in a field not far from the Morley Farm Offices. It was a beautiful day and some brilliant conversations were had by all who attended. It was brilliant to see some of our members at the event and speak to new people too. David and his team did an amazing job of making everyone feel welcome. The MGA had our own stand, this is the second year we have attended this excellent event and both times we have come away having had a great day. This is well worth a visit next year if you didn't manage to make it this year. A big thank you to David and his team for having us



Groundswell 2024



It was a whirlwind couple of weeks for Jon and I. No sooner had we attended the Morley Innovation Day, it was time to head off to Groundswell. We had a fantastic 2-days speaking to people from all over the industry. This was my first time at Groundswell, so I was unsure what to expect but it didn't disappoint. The whole festival had an amazing feeling surrounding it, with so many like minded-people coming together to both learn and share knowledge. The food was amazing and all had a sustainable journey behind it. We also managed to dance the night away with Andy Cato performing in the big tent on the second night. He and his Wildfarmed team were there on a stand that proved to be super popular. It was great to see, being a fan of Clarkson's Farm.



We spoke to a number of people over the 2 days including Andrew Pitman from FAR in New Zealand (FAR is an organisation similar to the MGA but a lot larger). It was wonderful talking



to Andrew and hearing the differences between our way of growing maize and sustainability and the New Zealand way. We are hoping to work more with Andrew and the FAR team in the future to share trials information and best practices, to help maize growers from both our countries. It's safe to say this event was definitely worth while attending.



UNDERSOWING



It's great to hear that many members are undersowing their maize crops this year. For members that are unsure of the practice, MGA Agronomist Jon Myhill has written a technical note this month on the subject. We hope this helps for future discussions.

