

# Agronomists' Induction 2018

Introducing new agronomists to AHDB staff, services and information.

Wednesday 24 and Thursday 25 October 2018

Holiday Inn Peterborough West, Thorpe Wood, Peterborough PE3 6SG

This event has been developed with the support of AIC and AICC to help meet the training needs of new entrants to the agronomy industry by introducing them to relevant AHDB staff, services and information

## Day one programme – Wednesday 24 October

**12:00** Registration, lunch and exhibitions

**12:45** Chair's welcome

Tim Isaac, Head of Knowledge Exchange Arable, AHDB

**13:00** Session 1 – Integrated Farm Management

- **Pests and natural enemies for sustainable arable crop production (25 mins)**  
Jon Knight, Head of Crop Health and Protection, AHDB
- **Sustainable plant protection products for use in horticulture (25 mins)**  
Joe Martin, Crop Protection Senior Scientist, AHDB
- **Pulse and vegetable-legume crop production, marketing and economics (20 mins)**  
Becky Howard, Principal Technical Officer, PGRO
- **Integrated Farm Management to deliver more sustainable farming (20 minutes)**  
Alice Midmer, IFM Manager, Linking Environment And Farming

**14:30** Workshop session (to include refreshment break)

Delegates pre-select one of the following:

**Workshop 1 – Soil management**

Amanda Bennett, Resource Management Scientist, AHDB

**Workshop 2 – Understanding and managing resistance in weeds and disease**

Paul Gosling, Crop Protection Scientist, AHDB

**Workshop 3 – Crop nutrition**

Sajjad Awan, Resource Management Scientist, AHDB

**Workshop 4 – Application of crop protection chemicals**

Harry Henderson, Technical Knowledge Exchange Manager Arable, AHDB

**Workshop 5 – Pest management in arable crops**

Charlotte Rowley, Crop Protection Scientist (Pests), AHDB

**16:00 Session 2 – Crop performance and protection**

- **Varieties and the AHDB Recommended Lists (25 mins)**  
Jenna Watts, Crop Production Senior Scientist, AHDB
- **Weed and disease management (25 mins)**  
Paul Gosling, Crop Protection Scientist, AHDB
- **AHDB Potatoes: an overview of the UK potato industry and agronomy (25 mins)**  
Claire Hodge, Knowledge Exchange Manager (Scotland) Arable, AHDB
- **Managing resilience to risks and coping with volatility (25 mins)**  
Philip Dolbear, Knowledge Exchange Manager (South West) Arable, AHDB

**17:40 Chair's closing remarks**

**17:45 Close for day one**

**Networking dinner**

Essex & Norfolk Suite

**19:00 Meet in bar (cash bar)**

**19:30 Guests to be seated for dinner**

**21:00 After-dinner speaker**

Dr Belinda Clarke FRSB ARAgS NSch, Director, Agri-Tech East

## Day two programme – Thursday 25 October

### 08:45 Chair's welcome

Tim Isaac, Head of Knowledge Exchange Arable, AHDB

### 08:50 Session 3 – Growing resilient, efficient and thriving soils

- **Crop nutrition and RB209 (25 mins)**  
Sajjad Awan, Resource Management Scientist, AHDB
- **Practical and sustainable soil management (25 mins)**  
Amanda Bennett, Resource Management Scientist, AHDB

### 09:40 Workshop session (to include refreshment break)

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Sajjad Awan, Resource Management Scientist, AHDB

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#### Workshop 5 – Effective pest control in arable crops

Charlotte Rowley, Crop Protection Scientist (Pests), AHDB

### 11:10 Session 4 – Integrating research and practice through knowledge exchange

- **BASIS (15 mins)**  
Aliona Jones, Business Development Coordinator, BASIS
- **AHDB Farm Excellence: harnessing the power of farmer to farmer learning (25 mins)**  
Emily Smith, Knowledge Transfer Manager Arable, AHDB
- **Working together: farmers and agronomists (25 mins)**  
Brian Barker, Strategic Farm East host farmer

### 12:15 Chair's closing comments

Tim Isaac, Head of Knowledge Exchange Arable, AHDB

### 12:30 Close and lunch