Agronomy 2016 (Scotland)
Risk, resilience and reward


About
Exploring agronomic hazards and risks, these evidence-based events look to help cereals and oilseeds growers improve the resilience of their businesses and maximise economic reward.

Programme*

09:30  Registration and refreshments
10:00  Chair’s welcome
      Gavin Dick, AHDB (Cereals & Oilseeds Manager – Scotland)

Session 1  Using research to build business resilience
10:05  Farming resilience and the role of integrated pest management
      Susannah Bolton, AHDB (Cereals & Oilseeds Head of Research and KT)¹
      Bill Parker, AHDB (R&D KE Director – Crops)²
¹Carfraemill and Perth ²Inverurie and Inverness

10:20  Disease and fungicides: Lessons from 2015, messages for 2016
      Fiona Burnett and Neil Havis, SRUC

11:00  Tea break

11:15  Making the most of pest management information
      Andy Evans, SRUC

11:45  Variety choice: Key performers and what to look out for in 2016
      Steve Hoad and Maree Brennan, SRUC

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Session 2  Farming fundamentals: AD and its contribution to farming resilience

With many growers looking to extend rotations or comply with crop diversification rules, this session will look at the evolution in the anaerobic digestion (AD) market and the role it could play in resilient farming businesses in Scotland.

12:15  Crop and variety choice: Considerations for AD  
David Lawson, SRUC

12:30  Lunch

13:15  Crop choice and market outlook: Simplify or diversify?  
Julian Bell, SRUC

13:45  Renewable energy and the role of AD  
Jim Campbell, SRUC

14:05  Using anaerobic digestate and compost in arable systems  
Audrey Litterick, DC Agri

14:35  Tea break

14:45  Renewables: The view of a local grower  
Colin McPhail / Alistair Nicholson Meikle, Camoquhill Farm1 and 2  
William Rose, Mid Coul Farms3  
Andrew Booth, Savoch Farm, Foveran4  
1 Carfraemill 2Perth 3Inverness 4Inverurie

15:15  The way ahead for energy markets in Scotland  
David Lawson, SRUC

15:30  Closing remarks  
Gavin Dick, AHDB Cereals & Oilseeds Manager (Scotland)

15:45  Event close

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