

LEAF Talks... Valuable Resources



Efficient management of our valuable resources such as soil and water is central to all farm businesses and can save you money. That's why it's the hot topic of our programme of 'LEAF Talks... Valuable Resources' events. Come and join us for some practical information and top tips on soil and water management and find out about LEAF's new Water Management Tool, recently launched by Farm Minister, Jim Paice MP. So take a look at the details below and book your place.

Please RSVP to emma.pritchard@leafuk.org for all events. We look forward to seeing you over the coming months.

Date	Time	Location	Description
24th November 2011	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm (Tea, coffee and Pasties from 6:15)	Cornwall The Ken Haine Seminar Room Duchy College Rosewarne Cambourne TR14 0AB	David Thomas, Agronomist at P. E. Simmons, will be talking about 'Valuing Our Vital Resources', and Caroline Drummond MBE, LEAF Chief Executive, will be leading a debate on future issues affecting the industry and how LEAF's management tools are providing practical help to farmers and growers.
25th November 2011	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Kent Mack Multiples Transfesa Road Paddock Wood TN12 6UT	Innovative best practice in soil and water management will be top of the agenda at this meeting for fruit growers in the South East. Speakers will include Mark Else, Senior Researcher at East Malling Research presenting on making the most of BSI PAS 100 compost to grow strawberries and top fruit. LEAF grower Marion Regan will talk about how she is using LEAF's management tools to help her business. Ex-LEAF Demonstration Farmer and Fruit Grower, Jeremy Boxall, (now LEAF Marque Director) will be talking about the new Water Management Tool, LEAF Marque and other management tools. After the event, visitors are invited to tour New Earth Solution's compost facility (just 7 miles from Mack Multiples). Visitors will be able to see how this local BSI PAS 100 certified compost facility works, using quality controlled processes to turn organic resources into valuable soil improvers, rich in crop nutrients. Please confirm when booking this event whether or not you would like to come on the site tour. PPE will be required for the site visit – please wear sturdy footwear (steel toe capped boots if possible). Hi-Viz jackets and hard hats will be required – these can be supplied but please bring your own with you if you have them.

29th November 2011	2:00 pm to 4:00 pm	Lancashire Huntapac Produce Ltd 293 Blackgate Lane, Holmes Tarleton, Preston, PR4 6JJ	LEAF Marque growers Huntapac Produce Ltd, one of the largest root producers in the UK, is hosting our North West event. Farm Technical Manager, Andrew Molyneux, will be sharing his thoughts on soils and water management and talking about how they effectively use LEAF's management tools.
1st December 2011	9:30 am - 11:30 am (Coffee and tea from 9.15 am)	Wiltshire The National Trust, Heelis, Swindon, SN2 2NA	Dr Alison Bailey, from University of Reading, will talk about the importance of managing our soil and water resources, the relevance of these environmental issues to farm business management, and some possible measures to mitigate phosphorus and sediment loss. Rob Macklin, National Agriculture and Food Adviser at the National Trust will be discussing land capability, farm planning and measuring risk. Plus LEAF Demonstration Farmer, Jeremy Padfield, will be giving some practical information on how Integrated Farm Management has increased efficiency, productivity, profitability and the environment on his farm.
1st December 2011	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Herefordshire Patrick Wrixton Devereux Wootton, Norton Canon, Hereford, HR4 8QN	McCain's Agronomist, Jeff Beever, will be talking about soils and water management including irrigation systems and benchmarking. Anthony Goggin, LEAF Marque Technical Manager, will be giving an overview of LEAF's management tools and how they can help farmers develop their business sustainably.

We look forward to seeing you at one of the coming events. **More 'LEAF Talks... Valuable Resources' events will take place in the New Year** in Northumberland, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Norfolk/Suffolk, West Sussex, Scotland and Wales.

All events are free of charge to LEAF members or £10 to non-members.

