

2023 NUFFIELD FARMING CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Tuesday 14th November

- 14.00 Pre-conference visits to Wastenage Farm and Darts Farm
19.30 – 21.30 Delegates and Sponsors Welcome Buffet (Courtyard by Marriott)

Wednesday 15th November

- 08.30 Chairman's and Director's Update and Discussion Period
for NSchs/Members only
09.15 Tea/Coffee available
09.45 Conference Opens (Main Conference Hall – Exeter Suite)
09.50 Main Conference Sponsor: Nicholas Saphir, Chair of AHDB
10.00 Move to chosen Presentation Halls
(Hall 1: County Suite; Hall 2: Estuary Suite – upstairs)
10.20 Scholar Presentations – Session 1
(Chaired by Trustees Jim Baird and Tom MacMillan):

HALL 1 (County): Sustainable Dairy Farming for the Future

Ian Baggs

Sustainable forage cropping for dairy cattle in the face of climate change challenges

Gary Thompson

Fertiliser reduction: A road map for UK dairy

Anna Bowen

Cow calf contact: dairy's ethical future

HALL 2 (Estuary): Seeds of Change: Regeneration and Net Zero

Sam Smith

Regenerative agriculture: a shared ambition for the future of farming?

Ben Hunt

Can you farm carbon?

Chris Taylor

Do regenerative farming practices pave the way for UK agriculture to meet Net Zero

- 11.20 BREAK – coffee served in Presentation Halls
11.40 Scholar Presentations – Session 2:
(Chaired by Trustees Angus Selby and Tanya Robbins):

HALL 1 (County):

Looking Forwards to a Brighter Farming Future

Emily Aitchison

Farm to Glass: assessing how farmers can benefit from future trends in the drinks industry.

Chris Manley

Why can't farmers be leaders? How getting to know yourself, your team and your community can make a farm a great place to work

Peter Craven

The formula for family business success

James Standen

Achieving excellence in university and college farms. Implementing best practice from home and abroad.

HALL 2 (Estuary):

Beyond Livestock

David Throup

Poultry Manure: a study into the storage, bi-product capabilities & the impact on environment sustainability

Miles Middleton

Working towards Net Zero in the Dairy sector... trade offs, opportunity costs and alternative allocations for scarce resources

Ali Cook

Utilisation and impact of robotics on large scale dairy farms.

Emily Padfield

The mob-grazed flerd: improving soil, biodiversity and farm incomes

- 13.00 – 14.00 LUNCH (Main Conference Hall, Exeter Suite)
14.00 Move to chosen Presentation Halls
14.20 Scholar Presentations – Session 3
(Chaired by Trustees David Rose and David Gardner):

HALL 1 (County):

Supply and More Demands?

Matthew Blyth

Evaluating the potential cost benefits of electronic data recording for UK sheep and beef farms

Gary Spence

I can't believe it's not beef! Can livestock compete with alternative proteins?

Aisla Jones

How can retail and supply chains support demand for more sustainable aquaculture feed?

HALL 2 (Estuary):

People: Reputation, Connection and Growth

Helen Wyman

Mentoring: A mechanism for driving positive change in UK agriculture

Kendra Hall

Building trust in British farming through increased transparency of on-farm livestock production

Oli Chedghey

Living the Farming Ladder

- 15.20 Break – Move to Main Conference Hall, Exeter Suite
15.40 Presentation by the Winner of the 2022 Bullock Award Jake Freestone
15.50 Announcement of the 2023 Bullock Award by Stephen Fell NSch
16.00 Conference ends
18.30 Pre-dinner Drinks in the Estuary Suite
19.00 2023 Annual Dinner in the Main Conference Hall, Exeter Suite

Thursday 16th November

- 8.30 – 9.30 AGM for all NSchs and Members (Exeter Suite)
- 9.15 Tea/Coffee available
- 10.00 Scholar Presentations – Session 4
(Chaired by Trustees Richard Percy and Vicky Robinson):

HALL 1 (County): Innovation in Commercial Plant Production

Lizzie Carr-Archer

How plant breeding could reduce farm inputs in the future

Nicola Harrison

Mapping out a green growth strategy for UK horticulture

Fred Langdale

Frost protection and post frost care in cool climate viticulture

HALL 2 (Estuary): Can Health, Wealth and Happiness be a Ruminant Reality?

Liz Cresswell

Cattle health schemes: what does success look like?

Miranda Timmerman

Worming like a Winner: A guide to a sustainable UK sheep flock

Rob Havard

Evaluation of Beef cattle selection methods for profitability in grass fed production systems

Vic Ballantyne

Too fat? The role of condition in maternal livestock in areas with extreme seasonal variability

- 11.20 BREAK – coffee served in Presentation Halls
- 11.40 Arrival of The Patron HRH The Duke of Gloucester
- 11.40 Scholar Presentations – Session 5
(Chaired by Trustees Jenna Ross and Nic Snell):

HALL 1 (County): The Future of Livestock Farming Systems

James Stobart

Effective monitoring methods that measure ecological outcomes in grazing systems

Martin Gott

Raw ambition - What it takes to grow a high value artisan cheese industry and why it is important

Dan De Baerdemaecker

Influences affecting management and productivity of deer as a semi-domesticated species in an intensive farming system

HALL 2 (Estuary): Can Sustainable Farming be Profitable?

Toby Simpson

Cover and catch cropping opportunities in UK arable agriculture

James Pick

Can maincrop potatoes be grown in a regenerative system?

Tom Young

Sustainable water use: opportunities for agriculture based on cross-disciplinary knowledge sharing.

Olivia Champion

Can carbon neutral edible insects be farmed profitably?

- 13.00 Move to Exeter Suite
- 13.15 Awards Ceremony Presentations by HRH The Duke of Gloucester of:
2024 NSchs Awards: John Stewart Shields for NSch Best Presentation
- 13.30 Chairman's closing remarks & farewell
- 13.35 Conference closes – Lunch in the Main Conference Hall, Exeter Suite
Ticketed Royal Reception and lunch for invited guests in the Chiefs Suite
- 14.30 Departure of HRH The Duke of Gloucester