



Enrich Your Soils – Organic Matter Key to Soil Fertility

Farmers and industry are invited to come along to a day of discussion on improving the fertility of soils with an emphasis on organic matter and soil biota.

The Royal Agricultural Society of England (RASE) is running eight events across the East of the country looking at the importance and benefits of organic matter.

Organic matter has the potential to provide many beneficial effects as well as neutralise some of the negative effects often seen in modern agricultural systems.

Ranging from improved water retention, better drainage, resistance to compaction, improved soil workability, greater nutrient uptake and weed control – improving soil organic matter on farm can help producers become more resilient to the increasing challenges they are faced with.

David Gardner, CEO of RASE said: “Soil organic matter, or the lack of it is a serious issue on many farms. These events aim to raise awareness of the benefits of organic matter for all the above benefits.”

“Volatile weather patterns and blackgrass are real problems that the industry needs to address. Correcting our soils is the first step towards this.”

Whether it is through the use of green manures, changing rotations, reintroducing livestock or planting cover crops there are numerous ways in which to increase soil organic matter. The pros and cons of all these will be discussed in depth on the day.

Places are limited to nine people per event, so book early to avoid disappointment. The one-day course will be run at the following venues:

13th January 2014 – Newark Showground
21st January 2014 – Suffolk Showground
27th January 2014 – East of England Showground
3rd February 2014 – Norfolk Showground
7th February 2014 – Lincolnshire Showground
10th February 2014 – East of England Showground
12th February 2014 – Lackham College
21st February 2014 – Kent Showground

Course fees are £56+VAT for farmers and £216+VAT for consultants and other non-farmers. A £20 discount applies for full RASE members. This event qualifies for 10 BASIS points. For more information please contact Emily Stillwell: emilys@rase.org.uk / 02476858252. Or visit www.rase.org.uk/events

Notes to editor:-

- For more information about the event, please contact Emily Stillwell on 02476858252 or emilys@rase.org.uk.

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