

New For 2010

Vehicle Maintenance N& VOSA Awareness



This ½ day course is aimed at machinery operators and members of staff dealing with farm machinery . It will be looking at the legislation governing vehicles on the road i.e. weights and speeds , the accident statistics on farm vehicles and the maintenance required to ensure you stay safe on & off road. This will cover a session on the Vehicle Health Scheme which was relaunched in 2005, this was a joint initiative from NAAC, BAGMA, NFU, NFUS and support of HSE. DfT, VOSA, NFU Mutual& AIUA Insurance. The initiative is designed to provide a mechanism for operators and owners of tractors to check the machinery for maintenance issues. It also provides a simple recording process that machines are being maintained on a regular basis. There will be a practical element to the course looking at a farm tractor and trailer examining areas that need looking at . It will also take a look at what VOSA are looking at on farm vehicles when they are doing checks and how you can stay on the right side of the law. **Monday 15th February Venue TBA Funding available.**

Rodent Control Course

The objective of this 1-day course is to understand the need to control rodents their biology and behaviour. It will also look at the current rodenticides & formulations their safe use storage and transportation and disposal of them. There will also be a practical session and site survey looking at the signs of rodents and baiting. **Friday 26th February , Cockfield Hall Nr Bury St Edmunds, Funded Course Cost based on Numbers.**

Grassland Management

This ½ day course will be looking at maintaining and establishing grasslands for cropping , pasture land and paddocks. It will cover the following points:-

- Soil condition and structure - including in field examination
- Looking at recent soil tests, Ph, P, K & Magnesium
- Looking at condition of sward.
- Discussion on the uses of grass.
- Types of fertilizer available and type needed on grassland, also looking at the use of lime.
- Looking at weeds and fungus disease present - and optimum ways of controlling them.

Friday 5th March, Haverhill Area, Funded Course 4 NRoSC & 8 BASIS points available.

B+E Trailer Towing are you Legal?

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If you passed a car test on or after 1 January 1997 you're limited to vehicles up to 3.5 tonnes maximum authorised mass towing a trailer up to 750kgs, or a vehicle and trailer combination up to 3.5 tonnes MAM providing the MAM of the trailer doesn't exceed the unladen mass of the towing vehicle. **You will need to pass an additional driving test in B+E if you wish to tow a caravan or trailer combination which exceeds these weight limits.**

If you need to take your B+E trailer test than you may be eligible for funded training through LandSkills East there could be a saving of up to £100 per candidate, for more information please contact me on 01440 788888 or 07979 054375

Rabbit & Mole Control Course

The objective of this course is to understand the biology of rabbits and Moles. The legislation associated with rabbit & mole control, the use of fumigants in their control and also the physical methods of controlling them. There will also be a practical session on gassing compound use. Thursday 8th April Venue TBA Funding available

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