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Sugar Beet Study Trip to France, Planned for May, 2010

We have succeeded with an application for funding for an intensive 2 day (1 night away) trip to northern France for sugar beet growers. The two main areas of study will be Minimum Cultivations and Crop Management, and there is much scope to compare, contrast and learn. Mike May of Brooms Barn will be leading the trip and travel will be by mini-bus via the channel tunnel. The cost to participants, inclusive of travel, B&B, lunches and dinner will be in the region of £120. Places are strictly limited to 14, so if you wish to take part, please call or e-mail Gill on 01284 810450, gill-hicks@freenetname.co.uk as soon as possible.

Spray Operators Courses

PESTICIDE SPILLS—This half day course is aimed at spray operators to help candidates look at the practical & environmental issues of a chemical spill. It will include the following:- Identifying a pesticide spill, how to prevent a spillage, the correct PPE to use, the clean up procedure in the event of a spillage and the safe & legal position on waste disposal. It will also look at the potential threat to the environment and human life and procedures to follow to prevent it. There will be a practical session with a spill kit and candidates will be encouraged to identify factors in their own system to help reduce spill risk and to produce or update their spill plan to improve chemical use & safety .

Monday 25th January, Withersfield Village Hall, funded cost £32 + VAT, including refreshments 8 Basis & 6 NRoSO Points Available

ADR AWARENESS— Are you aware of your legal obligations regarding the transportation of pesticides including diesel in or behind a 4x4. New regulations came into effect on 1st Jan 2007. All these vehicles will now be subject to ADR regulations. The maximum amounts you can transport yourself before you require an ADR licence is determined by the packing group, and all pesticides are classified. To help you understand and comply with the complexity of the regulations we can offer a **half day ADR Awareness course** ó this is for everyone who has anything to do with carriage of chemical, fuel or fertiliser. This will cover what you can and can't legally transport, how it should be transported safely, what to do in the case of a spill or an accident. Please note if you are transporting these chemicals or towing a bowser on a public highway using an agricultural vehicle i.e tractor or FLT then you are exempt from ADR, however if you are transporting diesel or other chemicals with a four wheel drive on a public highway you need to have attended an ADR awareness course as a minimum. 4th February, Gosfield Golf Course, am & pm sessions, funding available

Management Courses

Managers H&S in Agriculture

The 1 day course is being delivered by an ex Health & Safety Farm Inspector who will update owners and managers on the main health & safety issues, to make them aware of recent legislation and enhance understanding of their responsibilities towards employees. They will be encouraged to take this knowledge back to their individual businesses and incorporate it into their health and safety policies. This training day will be looking at the main agricultural and horticultural risks, and the associated causes of accidents, injuries and ill health. There are well recognised and accepted standards of control which should be put in place to manage those risks.

21st January, Haverhill Golf Club - funded price £45 including lunch. 6 BASIS Points Available

CIEH Level 2 in Risk Assessment

This 1 day CIEH course will give trainees the knowledge and practical skills needed to carry out general risk assessments in accordance with Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations. The course will cover the following :

- É Benefits of Risk assessment
- É Principles of Risk Assessment
- É People at Risk
- É Monitoring/Maintenance/Review
- The Legal Requirements
- Identifying Hazards & Current Controls
- Assessment of Risk
- Practical Exercises

28th January, Marks Hall Estate, Coggeshall, - funded price £50 including refreshments 6 BASIS Points Available

New For 2010

Vehicle Maintenance & 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. 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



19th Jan, Weston Woods Nr Haverhill, cost £55 + VAT
23rd Feb, venue TBA Cost £55 + VAT

180 Degree & 360 Degree Digger Refresher
We have two digger course running shortly which will cover PUWER's requirements for using a digger on farm, the dates and venue are as follows:
360 Degree Digger 26th January Venue TBA
180 Degree Digger 1st February Hitcham, Nr Bury St. Edmunds
Cost will be dependent on numbers

Course Availability

		NRoSO	BASIS
18th & 19th Jan	Chainsaw Maintenance, Cross Cutting & Felling Refresher		
22nd January	Timings Targets & Water, am & pm sessions	10	10
25th January	ARC Welding - Beginners		
25th January	Safe Manual Handling		
26th January	Brushcutter & Trimmer Refresher		
28th January	Trailer Braking Systems		
29th January	Rabbit & Mole Control	6	12
2nd February	PA6 - Hand Held Applicators	12	12
4th February	Spreader Calibration (Haverhill Area)	6	
5th February	Spreader Calibration (Terling)	6	
11th February	Rough Terrain Telescopic Refresher		
22nd February	PA2 - Boom Sprayer	12	12

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