

Cover cropping and strip tillage – a series of seminars and discussion sessions

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Date: Tuesday 6 March 2012, 09.30 – 16.00. Registration from 09.00

Venue: Lodge Farm, Chicksands, Bedfordshire SG17 5QB

Host: F.B. Parrish & Sons **Farm manager:** Paul Cripsey



Time period	Topic	Speaker	Affiliation
09.00 - 09.30	Registration		
09.30 - 09.50	Welcome and introduction to Lodge Farm and its progress towards CTF	Paul Cripsey	F.B. Parrish & Son, host farm
09.50 - 10.15	Why introduce cover crops and what are the impacts and benefits?	Frédéric Thomas	Conservation Agriculture, Brittany
10.15 - 10.25	Cover crops for organic and conventional cropping systems	Francis Rayns	Garden Organic, UK
10.25 - 10.50	<i>Questions and round table discussions - chairperson to note key questions or topics raised at each table</i>	Groups	
10.50 - 11.00	Cover crop species and varieties and their potential to address pathogen threats, including nematodes	Paul Brown	Kings & Frontier Agriculture Ltd, UK
11.00 - 11.30	Refreshments - display of commercially available seed mixtures	Paul Brown	Kings & Frontier Agriculture Ltd, UK
11.30 - 11.50	How to manage cover crop biomass and its impact on soil fertility, weeds and biodiversity	Frédéric Thomas	Conservation Agriculture, Brittany
11.50 - 12.05	Conservation Agriculture for onions, brassica and potatoes - experiences from NL	Sander Bernaerts	DLV Plant, NL
12.05 - 12.30	<i>Questions and round table discussions - chairperson to note key questions or topics raised at each table</i>	Groups	
12.30 - 13.20	Buffet lunch		
13.20 - 13.30	The Catchment Sensitive Farming Project	Nigel Simpson	Great Ouse Catchment Co-ordinator
13.30 - 13.50	New Farming Systems - Cover crops, their role within the rotation and their impact on soils	Ron Stobart	NIAB TAG, UK
13.50 - 14.10	Impact of cover crops on soil fertility, agro-chemical and fertiliser use	Frédéric Thomas	Conservation Agriculture, Brittany
14.10 - 14.25	Effect of cover crop incorporation on nitrate availability	Francis Rayns	Garden Organic, UK
14.25 - 14.50	<i>Questions and round table discussions - chairperson to note key questions or topics raised at each table</i>	Groups	
14.50 - 15.00	The economics of cover cropping and the potential of inter-cropping	Francis Rayns	Garden Organic, UK
15.00 - 15.20	Refreshment break		
15.20 - 15.45	Cover crops create new ideas such as OSR companion cropping to boost yields and reduce chemical inputs	Frédéric Thomas	Conservation Agriculture, Brittany
15.45 - 16.05	Farming Systems studies, cultivation and strip tillage	Ron Stobart	NIAB TAG, UK
16.05 - 16.30	<i>Questions, discussions and topics raised during earlier sessions</i>	All	
	Static display: Strip tillage cultivator		Sly Agri, UK

Entry: CSF invitees & CTF Members: **£10.96 (£8.00 + £1.13 fees + £1.83 VAT)**
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