



Climate Change: Are You Ready?

Action Planning and Opportunities for land based businesses

Tuesday 25th September 2007

School of Agriculture
University of Reading

A one-day conference

Key Issues

- Impacts on land use, crops, livestock and horticulture sectors
- How should the sector adapt?
- What business opportunities are there?
- How can you safeguard water supplies?
- How can you calculate your carbon footprint?

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The most significant effects in the UK of climate change will be in the rural areas of the South and East

As a result The National Rural Knowledge Exchange in collaboration with the University of Reading presents a one-day conference on the impacts of climate change in the South & East of the UK and what commercial opportunities this can create for your business.

The conference will be chaired by Poul Christensen, Deputy Chairman of Natural England and the Keynote Address will be from John Gilliland of the Rural Climate Change Forum. Leading experts from the University of Reading, the Walker Institute, NFU, CLA, Environment Agency, UK Climate Impacts Programme, Warwick HRI, Institute of Horticulture, and Thames Valley Energy will advise on a range of key issues including:

- The commercial opportunities arising from the expected climate change in the UK and internationally
- The impact of the most up to date climate change scenarios on the land based sector in the South of England
- How legislation is likely to affect businesses in the land-based sector
- Identifying strategies for businesses to minimise adverse climate change impacts on their business

There will also be a series of informal breakout sessions throughout the day where you will be able to ask the experts on a whole range of key issues affecting your business. You will also hear from other farming businesses how they are adapting to Climate Change.



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Who should attend?

Land based businesses

- Farmers
- Growers
- Estates
- Land based providers - golf courses, wildlife parks, garden centres etc..

Commercial Businesses

- Plant & animal breeding companies
- Seed companies
- Fertiliser companies
- Utility companies
- Renewable energy suppliers
- Leisure & tourism businesses

Other organisations

- Policy organisations including Forestry Commission
- Local & regional governments
- Academic researchers

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Tentative Programme

Chair of the Conference: **Mr Poul Christensen**, Deputy Chairman, Natural England

9.30	<i>Arrival registration & Coffee</i>	Breakout session 1	
10.00	Welcome Address Vice Chancellor Professor Gordon Marshall, University of Reading	Water harvesting, irrigation and abstraction Andrew Alston, Broadland Agricultural Water Abstractors Group Mark Hall, Hunter Hall Partnerships, Fruit Growers	
10.10	Keynote Address Mr John Gilliland, Chairman, Rural Climate Change Forum		
10.30	Questions		
10.40	Climate Scenarios Prof Julia Slingo, Walker Institute for Climate Systems Research,	Breakout session 2	
11.00	Impact of Climate Change on Land Use Prof Richard Ellis, University of Reading	Horticulture and plants – Facilitator Prof Peter Mills, Warwick HRI Prof Pedro Pinto, Lisbon, Portugal Prof Geoff Dixon, Institute of Horticulture	
11.20	Questions		
11.30	Coffee		
11.45	Agricultural Impacts and Opportunities Dr Jonathon Scurlock, National Farmers Union	Breakout session 3	
12.05	Environmental Impacts and Water Usage Mr Robert Runcie, Environment Agency	Energy Management Dr Keith Richards, Thames Valley Energy William Opie, Bennett Opie Food Company	
12.25	Carbon Accounting for Land Managers Prof Allan Buckwell, Country Land & Business Association		
12.45	Questions	Breakout session 4	
13.00	Lunch	Soil Management – Facilitator Dr John Conway, RAC Prof Bob Evans, Anglia Ruskin University Practical case study (TBC)	
14.00	Supporting Adaptation: Guidance, Tools and Learning through Doing Mr Roger Street, UK Climate Impacts Programme		
14.30	Break Out Sessions 45 minutes for each one, repeated twice	16.00	Panel Session
		16.30	Close

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REGISTRATION & BOOKING FORM

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To book your place(s) complete the booking form below. **Please use block capitals and black ink.**

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Title: (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms)

First Name:

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Signature of Agreement

(I agree with the terms and conditions stated below)

Please tick which session(s) you are interested in: SESSION 1 SESSION 2 SESSION 3 SESSION 4

Fee

Delegate fee £75 + VAT (£88.12)

Payment (please tick as appropriate)

I wish to book _____ place(s) at a total cost of £ _____

I enclose a cheque made payable to **National Rural** and require a receipt of payment

Please debit £ _____ from my:
 Visa Mastercard

Card No.

Card Expiry date /

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Once completed, please return to:
David Penford, National Rural Climate Change Conference, c/o Clockwork Marketing & Events Ltd, 1 Fishwell Court, Skillington, Grantham, Lincs, NG33 5ES

For more information:

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Cancellations received after 10th September will be subject to 100% cancellation fee.

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Substitute delegates can be confirmed at any stage in writing. Booking is strictly subject to availability at the time the booking form is received by the organisers.

Correspondence: Correspondence will be sent out approximately 4 weeks prior to the event but provisional details may be viewed on www.nationalrural.org

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