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FARMING CONFERENCE TO PUT CARBON FOOTPRINTING IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Lower carbon farming is still a major priority of Britain's biggest retailer, producers will be told later this month at a conference organised by Dairy UK in partnership with DairyCo.

Recession has not dented the strong move towards more efficient food production, delegates at Dairy UK's Carbon and Farming conference on 22 June will hear.

In the run-up to the event, Tesco Agricultural Manager Emma Jones said that the supermarket was still committed to becoming a 'zero carbon' business by 2050 and reducing supply chain emissions by 30% over the next decade. "In particular, the carbon footprint of agricultural production is going to be a major target for the industry in the future," she said.

She is just one of the key speakers at an event designed to put carbon footprinting for farmers squarely in the spotlight. She will be joined on the podium at the Sixways Stadium in Worcestershire by Pierre Gerber, author of the new report on greenhouse gas emissions from dairy published by the UN's Food and Agriculture Organisation. Dr Gerber has proved one of the most influential critics of the dairy and livestock sectors in the past.

Delegates will also hear Bill Parish, Defra's second in command of the Climate Change Mitigation for Agriculture and Food Chain Programme, explaining the value of carbon footprinting. Industry speakers including John Allen of Kite Consulting and Michael Masters of Agri assist will explain the real benefits that dairy farmers can reap from practical carbon footprinting.

More details can be found online at www.dairyUK.org. Contact Ian Wakeling on 020 7467 2621 to book your place or for further details. A booking fee of £40 may apply.

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

The conference will be chaired jointly by the Chairman and Vice Chairman of Dairy UK's Farmers' Forum, Roger Evans and Rex Ward.

Morning Programme:

09.15 Registration, tea and coffee

10.00 Introduction

10.10–11.30 Session 1: Background – context, policy and drivers

“Dairy Emissions: A global perspective”

Dr Pierre Gerber – Livestock Policy Officer - FAO
(Coordinator of the “Greenhouse Gas Emissions from the Dairy Sector – A Life Cycle Assessment” report)

“Agriculture’s greenhouse gas emissions: a policy perspective”

Dr Bill Parish - Deputy Head and Programme Manager for the Climate Change Mitigation for Agriculture and Food Chain Programme - Defra

“Carbon Footprinting and Lowering Emissions”

Emma Jones– Agriculture Manager – Tesco

11.30 Coffee break

12.00–13.00 Session 2: Measurement and monitoring

“Practical Carbon Footprint Measuring – the farmers’ solution”

Michael Masters – Agri assist Limited

“Who Cares wins!”

John Allen – Managing Partner – Kite Consulting

“Carbon footprinting in the dairy sector”

Andie Stevens – Senior Project Manager – Carbon Trust Footprinting Company

13.00 LUNCH

14.00–16.15 Session 3: Solutions

“DairyCo’s answer to the environment question”

Dr Karen Wonnacott - Research and Development Manager – DairyCo

“A dairy farmer’s solution to tackling the environmental challenge”

Tim Downes – Organic dairy farmer

“The Milk Roadmap - 2 years on”

Fergus McReynolds – Environment Manager – Dairy UK

16.15 Summation and close

To register for the conference please e-mail iwakeling@dairyuk.org giving your name, company, position and mobile no. An invoice will then be raised for the small conference registration fee of £40 plus VAT.

This is an invaluable opportunity to receive a comprehensive briefing on a topic that will be of lasting importance to the dairy industry.

Dairy UK would particularly like to thank DairyCo for their sponsorship of the conference.

Directions

The venue is Sixways Stadium, Warriors Way, Worcester, WR3 8ZE which is just off Junction 6 of the M5 motorway.

Alternatively take a train to either Worcester Shrub Hill Station or Worcester Foregate Street Station and then a 15 minute ride in a taxi.

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