



A clear solution for farmers

CATCHMENT SENSITIVE FARMING



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Catchment Sensitive Farming - what is it all about?

Recently I have been asked by a number of people "remind me what CSF is all about?" so here is a brief reminder. Catchment Sensitive Farming began back in 2006 as a response to the 2003 'Water Framework Directive' - European legislation stating that all waterbodies, if technically and economically feasible, need to reach what is known as 'good status' by 2027. The next step was to identify areas where agriculture was contributing to poor water quality. CSF then started working with farmers locally offering free training, expert advisory visits and capital grants to farms to improve local water quality.

All CSF advice is free, voluntary, confidential and non-regulatory - offering solutions that not only improve water quality but also help farm business profitability and sustainability. So does it work? Yes, we have seen up to 30% reductions in pollutants and real benefits to farm business reported. So please take advantage of what is on offer through CSF now.

Our free CSF offers this Autumn include: **Manure Testing:** don't rely on RB209, see what's really in your manure and integrate your manure and bag fertiliser to make sure your correct feeding your crop nor wasting nutrients/money. **Soil Husbandry Visits plus soil analysis:** check and deal with compaction and any other soil issues on your farm. Expert field by field assessment for action is produced plus help with the Soil Protection Review. **Pesticide & Biobed Visits:** Thinking of making improvements, book a visit to look at designs, costs and up-to date best practice. **Fertiliser Planning Visits:** improve efficiency of usage and reduce losses. Ensure NVZ compliance. Contact Martha Meek (above) for more info.

Do you regularly calibrate your
fertiliser and pellet spreaders? If not, and you
would like to have this undertaken for **FREE**
give me, your CSFO, a call to book a visit

Events Coming Up:

More details and booking from Martha Meek, CSFO Deben, Alde & Ore
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Sprayer Filling & Handling Solutions

Playford Village Hall, Hill Farm Road, Playford, IP6 9DU

Farm visit to Poplar Farm, Tuddenham, kindly hosted by Mr Oliver Pipe

Event Date: **Thursday 14th November 2013** Time: **8am - 11.30am**

Topics include - siting, construction, waste exemptions, effectiveness, cost and grant funding. Bacon (British!) rolls and coffee on arrival. Other dates/locations available. Contact Martha Meek on 07827 282259 for full booking details.

Soil Management for Higher Yields

Dennington Village Hall, Framlingham Road, Dennington, IP13 8DD

Farm visit to Dennington Hall Farms, kindly hosted by Mr Robert Rous

Event Date: **Thursday 12th December 2013** Time: **10am - 1.30pm**

The speaker Simon Draper will cover soil structure and compaction with relation to yields, tramline management, sub-soiling and soil protection review updates. Free buffet lunch. Other dates/locations available. Contact Eric Popp on 07775 406317 to book

Rotate N - Keeping it in the cycle

Orwell Conference Room, Ufford Park Hotel, Melton, Woodbridge, IP12 1QW

Event Date: **Tuesday 21st January 2014** Time: **9am - 1pm**

Top-notch speakers - **Clive Rahn** (Plant Nutrition Consulting) speaking on 'tools for managing nitrogen over crop rotations' including for vegetables, **David Naismith** (Wildfowl and Wetland Trust) on preventing run-off and sediment loss plus a short update on a recent project looking at agricultural ditch water quality in the Deben and Waveney. Free buffet lunch. Contact Martha Meek on 07827 282259 to book.

Looking at soil and planning winter feed

Events near Harleston (30th Oct) and Bury St Edmunds (4th Nov) 10.30 - 2.30

Joint events with EBLEX with expert speakers providing guidance on how to plan winter feed requirements and options to deal with shortfalls plus soil management for grassland. Free lunch. Contact Martha Meek on 07827 282259 for full booking details.

Think Phosphate! - its use, re-use and over-use

Ufford Park Hotel, Melton, Woodbridge, IP12 1QW. Wed 20th Nov. 9.30-2.30

Speakers include: Ian Richards - plant nutrition; Johnny Johnston- soil phosphate; Anna Becvar - P from recycling sources; Tim Schofield - pig "Muckwise" project; Simon Draper - are we heading for "Phosphate Vulnerable Zone" regulation? Side stands and Lunch.

To book call 01728 - 748030 or email caroline.blew@suffolkfwag.co.uk