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SPRING LECTURE 2010

Is Science the Key to the Future of Farming?

Professor Ian Crute

**Chief Scientist at the
Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board**

Tuesday 23rd March 2010

starting at 6.45pm
at

Lincolnshire
Events Centre

@ the showground

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PROGRAMME

6.45pm Registration	7.45pm Professor Ian Crute
7.00pm Chairman's Introduction	8.30pm Questions
7.15pm Nick Ward - Nuffield Scholar	8.45pm Refreshments

CHAIRMAN: Robert Borrill

Robert Borrill is an arable and poultry farmer from North Lincolnshire. As a Nuffield Scholar he studied duck production in China, Thailand and the USA. He has previously been Chairman of The Forum for Sustainable Farming, Lincolnshire NFU County Chairman and currently sits on the HGCA British Cereals Exports Committee. He manages a range of diversification projects but the family farm remains the core business.

SPEAKER: Nick Ward

Nick Ward is an arable farmer from Reepham who has recently completed a Nuffield Farming scholarship looking at 'Arable input efficiency' in combineable crops. Seed, fertiliser, agro-chemicals and fuel are becoming more expensive in an increasingly global market place. Cost management has to be balanced against environmental considerations to minimise wastage, leachates, contaminants and greenhouse gas emissions. Nick has looked at a range of techniques in the USA, Canada and Australia that could potentially improve the way we operate here in the UK.

Prior to returning to the family farm he studied Agri-Business Management at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne followed by a period working as a Basis qualified agronomist.

SPEAKER: Professor Ian Crute

Professor Crute is Chief Scientist at the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (AHDB) with overall responsibility for co-ordinating and shaping the Research and Development and Knowledge Transfer work of the levy board. Before his recent move to the AHDB, he was director of Rothamsted Research for 10 years with overall responsibility for all scientific, operational, commercial and external liaison activities of the institute.

Ian has a First Class Honours degree in botany and a PhD in plant pathology from the University of Newcastle upon Tyne. He has worked in research institutes in the UK and USA before becoming a director of the Horticultural Research Institute at Wellesbourne and then moving to Rothamsted.

Ian's scientific contributions are recorded in over 160 publications. He was awarded the Research Medal of the Royal Agricultural Society of England in 1992 and the British Crop Production Council Medal in 2006. He holds a Visiting Professorship in the Faculty of Biological Sciences at the University of Oxford. His committee and board memberships include Chairman of the Sainsbury Laboratory Council, member of the Lead Expert Group on the "Future of Food and Farming" Foresight project and Board member of Home Grown Cereal Authority's Crop Evaluation Ltd. Ian is also on the editorial board of the scientific journals Food Security and Plant Protection Science.

BOOKING FORM

Please reserve place(s) at the Spring Lecture
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on Tuesday 23rd March 2010

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