

Programme for 22nd September 2017

Water protection solutions for sustainable productive agriculture: practical measures for EU policy goals

Purpose of the day: This demonstration farm visit near Brussels is intended to explain and show policy makers and stakeholders at first hand the state-of-the-art practical measures which can realistically be implemented at farm level in order to prevent or reduce unwanted entry of pesticides into water. There will also be opportunity for discussion and Q&A on how such measures link with relevant EU water and agriculture policies, and what can be done to further promote widespread uptake throughout the EU.

Program

9.00	Registration / Coffee
9.30	Introduction Importance and benefit of modern crop protection for farmers and society in Europe <i>G. Taylor (ECPA)</i>
9.45	ECPA Stewardship Projects: Managing risks of pesticide use <i>A. Thierfelder (ECPA)</i>
10.00	Water Quality and Agriculture: A water industry perspective <i>Speaker (tbc)</i>
10.20	TOPPS Water Protection Projects: Twelve years of efforts and achievements <i>V. Laabs (TOPPS chairman, BASF)</i>
10.40	Best practices to avoid point sources <i>M. Roettele (TOPPS project manager, Better Decisions)</i>
11.00	Best practices to minimize runoff pollution <i>Prof. E. Gonzales (University of Córdoba, Spain)</i>
11.20	Best practices to minimize spray drift issues <i>Prof. P. Balsari (University of Turino, Italy)</i>
11.40	Relevance of TOPPS Best Practices for EU policies <i>S. Rutherford (ECPA)</i>
12.00	Buffet lunch
12.45	Demonstration of Best Practices in the field
14.15	Discussion 1: How to boost uptake of Best Practices for water protection in the EU? Discussion 2: How to optimize dissemination and trainings of Best Practices? Discussion 3: How to select measures and to best incentivise uptake of Best Practices? <i>Moderator V. Laabs (TOPPS chairman, BASF)</i>
15:15	Summary of discussions and Wrap-Up <i>S. Rutherford (ECPA)</i>
15.30	End of program

Location

Demonstration farm is located at Huldenberg about 30 km outside of Brussels.

Address and map:

HOF TEN BOSCH

de Limburg Stirumlaan, 66

(Crossing Ganspoel - Veeweidestraat)

3040 Huldenberg, Belgium

50.806498 N, 4.571609 E



Transport

Bus transport to the farm and back from a Brussels central location (with has access to a parking facility) will be organized. (More details will be supplied directly to registered participants later)

Registration

Please inform Mrs Evelyne Guesken before September 1st 2017

a) if you wish to attend the TOPPS event on 22nd September

b) if you wish to use the bus service from Brussels.

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