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The Future for EAMUs - September Update

Horticulture Crop Protection Ltd

Introduction

As you know the AHDB commitment to provide the EAMU service comes to an end in 7 months. Consequently, the industry has a comparatively short time scale to put alternative arrangements in place.

The steering group which has been working on the new arrangements has continued to meet through the summer to progress plans for the new arrangements.

The New Company- Horticulture Crop Protection Ltd

We have engaged Shakespeare Martineau to prepare the governing documents and are now reviewing the first draft. The plan is for the new company Horticulture Crop Protection Ltd to be owned by the network of Crop Associations (and other equivalent bodies for crops which don't have a grower association). Directors will be drawn from the members associations; this will ensure industry has complete control over the costs and activities of the new company. The ownership structure will also mean it is answerable to the industry.

As a not-for-profit organisation, the new company will operate as a 'company limited by guarantee' with each crop association becoming member of the company with the individual liability of each member limited to £1.



Personnel

Based on information provided by AHDB Horticulture we anticipate that the new company will need circa 4 staff to deal with the technical work. This will need to be supported with some administrative and finance back up.

How Much will the New Company Cost?

We are currently working on the baseline costings for the company and once these are complete, we can share these. At this point the industry needs to have a conversation about the most equitable way of sharing these costs across all sectors of UK Horticulture.

We think it should be possible to break out the running costs to determine the basic cost of running the company, the cost of an EAMU applications and the cost of the residue testing which forms an integral part of an EAMU application. This should help to ensure that all the costs are transparent, and growers have an accurate idea of the cost of an EAMU application.

AHDB Residual Funds

We are also in conversation with both AHDB and Defra about the residual funding within AHDB Horticulture and the possibility of using some of the funds to pump prime the EAMU activities.

Ongoing Activity

It is important that we transition from the current arrangement to another as seamlessly as possible. Ideally, we don't want to lose 12 months of work. This means that the individual crops need to work through their crop associations during the autumn to identify the key crop protection risks so any trials data required to accompany an EAMU application can be set up in time for next spring.

Feedback

This new approach is only going to work if it has sufficient backing. It is important that the working group has feedback from growers. We are happy to receive any constructive feedback and if there is any aspect of the current proposition about which you want to express a view, please email me at jack.ward@britishgrowers.org or to John Chinn john@cobrey.co.uk

John Chinn - Chair Horticulture Working Group Ltd

Jack Ward - CEO British Growers





Upcoming Events 2022/23

Wednesday 5 to Thursday 6 October 2022

Chartered Institute of Horticulture Conference

The Chartered Institute of Horticulture Conference will be taking place at the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh. Further details will follow in due course.

Please direct any enquiries to the secretariat: cih@horticulture.org.uk



Demonstration Day

Thursday 6th October 2022

Near Coupar Angus, Scotland

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British Carrot Growers Association Demonstration Day

The BCGA Demonstration Day will be back again for 2022, near Kinrossie, Scotland. The event will be hosted by Tompsett Growers Ltd.

Get your free tickets [HERE](#)

We will once again be looking for exhibitors to attend the iconic industry event, if you would like further information, please contact admin@britishgrowers.org.

Wednesday 12 to 14 October 2022

IPPS European Regional Annual Conference

After a break of 2 years, IPPS Europe will resume its annual conference with a varied programme to be held in Bad Zwischenahn, Germany. Further details and how to book your tickets can be found [here](#).



Thursday 13 October 2022

British Herbs Conference

The British Herbs Conference returns in October 2022, and is being held at the University of Warwick.

There are still Sponsorship package opportunities available. For more information please contact: admin@britishgrowers.org

Conference tickets and pre-conference meal tickets are now available to be booked using the following [link](#)

Tuesday 25 October 2022

Brassica and Leafy Salad Conference & Gala Dinner

The long-awaited Conference & Gala Dinner is back. After being postponed in January 2022 the conference has been rearranged for the autumn.

Book your tickets [HERE](#)

There are still Sponsorship and Exhibitor opportunities available, for more information please visit the website, [Sponsors | Brassica and Leafy Salad Conference](#) or [Exhibition | Brassica and Leafy Salad Conference](#).





Upcoming Events 2022/23

Wednesday 9 November 2022 British Pea and Bean Conference.

The conference is taking place at the Jakemans Stadium, Boston. The conference will cover topics for all those involved in producing pulses.

Exhibitor opportunities are available, please email admin@britishgrowers.org for further details.
Book your tickets [HERE](#).



Thursday 24 November 2022

Poinsettia Growers Group Conference

The first conference from the BPOA's Poinsettia Growers Group and kindly hosted by Neame Lea.

For more details about sponsoring the event please contact poinsettia@britishornamentals.org

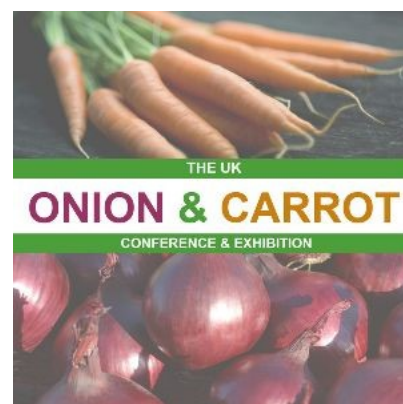
Tuesday 29 November 2022

Onion and Carrot Conference & Gala Dinner

The Onion and Carrot industry event is back, and the Conference & Gala Dinner will be hosted at the East of England Arena & Events Centre, Peterborough Showground.

Book your tickets [HERE](#).

Sponsorship and Exhibitor opportunities have been released, for more information please visit our [website](#)



Wednesday 1 February 2023

British Protected Ornamentals Association Technical Conference

The technical event will be back for another year, kindly hosted at the NFU Conference venue, SAVE THE DATE. For more details about sponsoring the event please contact info@homegrownplants.org

Monday 2 to Thursday 5 October 2023

International Carrot and Other Apiaceae Symposium, the prestigious industry event is coming to the UK in 2023 and will be hosted at York Racecourse. Information on sponsorship, exhibiting and attending can be found on the website [InternationalSymposiumonCarrotandOtherApiaceae – 2-5 October 2023](http://InternationalSymposiumonCarrotandOtherApiaceae-2-5October2023.carrotsymposium.com) (carrotsymposium.com)



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