

Improving potato yields and profitability by measuring and monitoring performance



Drive improvements in yield • Reduce costs for better profitability
Reduce risk and build resilience

Designed for:

Agronomists, potato business employees, those in the supply chain, farm managers and farmers who want to improve the performance of potato crops

Entry requirement:

An intermediate course best suited to those who are **able** to demonstrate some practical experience

Price:

£120 + VAT

Duration:

A half day classroom-based course

CPD points:

6 BASIS points; 1 NRoSO point

Learning outcomes:

At the end of this course participants will better understand:

- Measure key aspects of potato crop growth and development to produce profitable crops
- Know the difference between data and information
- Know what to measure and when
- Understand crop variability and how to deal with it
- Use recording protocols when collecting data

Content:

Classroom module 1 (half day):

- The need to measure crop performance
- The link between crop physiology and what is measured
- Understanding crop variation and developing strategies to cope with it
- The importance of recording protocols
- What tools can be used to record or remotely sense data?
- Recording seed and planting information
- Recording the growing crop
- Recording the harvested crop and storage
- Data collation and storage – how to add value to the data you've collected
- Practical exercise in measuring and interpreting crop data

Trainer:

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