

Connecting Farming & Energy

Calculating Your Carbon Footprint.

This half-day course will look at what a carbon footprint is and why it's important now, identify measures to reduce your carbon footprint and methane emissions and planning to achieve quality targets leading to a low carbon economy.

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AM Tuesday 2nd March 2010, Crowmarsh Battle Farms, Wallingford, Oxon:
AM Thursday 4th March 2010, Sparsholt College, Winchester, Hants:
AM Friday 5th March 2010, Natural England office, Ashford, Kent.

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Measures to Save Energy.

This half-day course will cover calculating and monitoring energy use, benchmarking your own energy use against industry standards, minimising energy waste, identifying new technologies and ways to reduce energy use together with information on grant funding for energy saving measures.

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Opening New Energy Markets.

This half-day course will review why there are opportunities available in the energy market at the moment, identify energy production opportunities on the farm, look at potential capital outlay and returns, identify how to connect with the new markets and the potential for working with other businesses.

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AM 18th March 2010, Crowmarsh Battle Farms, Wallingford, Oxon.
AM 19th March 2010, Ardingly Showground, East Sussex.

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Identifying Opportunities with New Technologies – Biomass.

This half-day course will include a summary of the opportunities for biomass now, identifying energy production opportunities on the farm, types of biomass and their energy and income potential, how to connect to markets, on-farm management issues and appraising the specific opportunities in terms of capital outlay and potential return on the capital.

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Identifying Opportunities with New Technologies – Anaerobic Digestion.

This half-day course will include a summary of the opportunities for anaerobic digestion, a review of farm based AD systems, consideration of farm or food and green waste systems, the role of AD within a low carbon economy, identifying energy production opportunities on the farm, income potential from electricity and heat energy, current and new technologies for AD, how to connect to markets, on-farm management issues and appraising the specific opportunities in terms of capital outlay and potential return on the capital.

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