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Better muck management at Grassland & Muck

Better muck management comes under the spotlight at next month's Grassland & Muck Event to help visitors make more of this valuable resource ahead of tighter legislation.

Good practice starts with the right machinery, and visitors will be spoiled for choice. A record 29 machines will be on show in the Muck Demonstration Area at Grassland & Muck 2011, which takes place on 18th and 19th May at Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire.

A wide range of rear and side discharge muck spreaders and slurry tankers will be split into six groups according to size and type, allowing visitors to compare and contrast their shortlisted candidates quickly and easily.

ADAS, sponsor of the Muck Demonstration Area, urges farmers and contractors to take full advantage of this unique opportunity. "The working demonstrations provide the chance to review a range of machinery that can improve the efficiency, safety and environmental performance of manure spreading," says principal research scientist Dr Ken Smith.

"Good application practice goes a long way towards the more sustainable use of manures. This optimises fertiliser use, which can reduce crop production costs and the risk of environmental emissions."

The Manure and Nutrient Management Centre, situated next to the demo plots, will also be popular with livestock producers keen to keep abreast of the latest developments and advice.

With new NVZ regulations governing the storage and application of slurry due next January, compliance is a key focus. ADAS will have advisers on hand to help farmers assess the impact of the regulations on their own farms. The firm will also be offering a new version of PLANET nutrient management software, which now includes grassland recommendations.

NVZ storage and best practice will also feature strongly on the AHDB stand, as will NIRS muck nutrient testing which allows farmers to target manure use even more effectively. The first 25 farmers on the stand each day will qualify for a free test - so visitors are urged to bring a sample along in a sealed bag or container.

And new guidance on spreading and storing manures to complement the Tried & Tested nutrient management plan will be available to preview in the centre.

“The muck demos and the Manure and Nutrient Management Centre will provide an unrivalled opportunity to keep visitors well and truly up to speed with muck management issues,” says event manager Kate Rider.

Grassland & Muck 2011 is organised by the Royal Agricultural Society of England and partnered by Yara. Tickets can be booked via the website for £13 for a standard adult ticket, a £3 saving on the gate price. Student tickets, priced £12, are only available online.

For further details on tickets and the event, go to www.grasslandevent.co.uk
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