

2017 SPONSOR'S BIOGRAPHIES

BAYER CROPSCIENCE



Bayer CropScience

The future of British farming is at the heart of everything we do at Bayer CropScience. We invest over 20% of our entire global research and development budget towards European projects, which is paying off with new products and varieties for UK growers, such as Hamlet, Ascra Xpro and InVigor 1030. That's much more than the industry average of only 7.7%. We work to ensure these new technologies balance the demands of productivity with environmental sustainability. We also support the education and training of farmers, future farmers and the wider farming industry through initiatives such as the Youth Ag-Summit, our Knowledge Academies and partnerships including the Chatham Green Project and with the educational charity Farming and Countryside Education (FACE).

AGROVISTA



Agrovista is the leading authority on all aspects of crop management, agronomic advice, produce supply and business options to farmers and growers. Services including agronomy and crop consultancy, financial schemes, seed, product innovation and marketing solutions make Agrovista the best partner for UK farmers.

FLACH & LE-ROY LTD



Flach & Le-Roy Ltd is an industry leader in designing, manufacturing and delivering high performance crop drying, ventilation and storage systems. Its high quality product and design services include drive-on drying floors, air ducts, walling, fans, burners and associated control equipment delivered throughout the UK and overseas. Formed in 1993 by Richard Flach and Owen Le-Roy, together the partners have over 50 years' experience in the crop drying and storage business. Their speciality is high quality drive-on flooring and box-store ventilation and conditioning systems. They have built a reputation in the industry for expert knowledge and advice along with first class customer care.

ANGLIA FARMERS



Anglia Farmers (AF) highly professional procurement service for more than 3,500 shareholder members who collectively farm over a million hectares in the UK.

Run by farmers for farmers, AF's specialist buying and support teams, recruited from the industry represent, deliver valuable advice and technical information to aid the procurement process.

BIRKETTS



Birketts is a full service, top 100 UK law firm, operating from offices in Cambridge, Chelmsford, Ipswich and Norwich, and serving clients across England and Wales. With a rich heritage spanning over 150 years we've built an enviable track record advising our clients.

Our specialist agriculture team, which is consistently ranked as a top tier firm in independent legal directories, provides pragmatic and commercial advice to farmers, landowners and others involved in agri-business.

M+A PARTNERS



business insight and financial skills which put M+A Partners at the leading edge of accountancy practice.

Celebrating our Centenary year; M+A Partners offers a comprehensive and seamless range of accountancy, taxation and financial-planning services: but what really distinguishes us is the way we combine our in-depth knowledge with an absolute commitment to entrepreneurial and technical innovation. Our prime aim is to understand your needs and your ambitions and to use that understanding as the basis for advice which will significantly improve your financial situation, now and in the future. That advice is then supported and implemented through

FRONTIER AGRICULTURE



Frontier is the UK's leading crop production and grain marketing business and we are committed to supporting farmers at every stage of the crop production cycle through crop choice, establishment and management. Our specialist team of over 130 highly trained agronomists, working with other Frontier experts, help our growers maximise yields and quality, whilst managing environmental factors and legislative challenges. Our relationships with the largest grain consumers provide our growers with unrivalled access to a wide range of homes. We believe in making a difference to our customers by providing first class advice, an innovative range of products and a service that is second to none.

GLEADELL AGRICULTURE



Gleadell Agriculture Ltd is an independent and a major trader of grain in the UK and, in volatile and risk-laden markets, is a safe and trusted trading partner for farmers and consumers. We are a leading exporter of all grains, oilseeds and pulses to markets in the EU and further afield and a significant supplier to UK millers, maltsters, feed compounders and other consumers of grain. We are also the largest trader of organic grain in the UK and a growing force in the sourcing and delivery of imported and home-produced fertiliser and seed.

PATERSON AG LTD



Brokering seed, fertiliser and grain for farmers, using knowledge and contacts to ensure growers are buying and selling efficiently. We can advise you on where time or money can be saved by using different fertiliser products. We find the correct destination for the specification of product you have grown as well as having access to specialist contracts (HEAR, HOLL, Pea, Linseed and Oat).

Each grower is an individual and treated as such, some like the independence, others like the convenience of one contact to handle their seed, fertiliser and grain requirements. An individual independent service backed up with practical farming experience.

Contact Luke Paterson 07775 618297 or 01763 878580.

CLAAS UK LTD



With over 100 years in the industry, CLAAS are the true harvesting specialist today, offering an extensive range of machinery for optimum efficiency alongside maximum productivity.

MILLS & REEVE We are a leading national law firm with six offices and over 890 people working for the firm. We have one of the largest teams of food and agricultural lawyers in the country together with experts experienced in advising on the legal aspects of every element of the food supply chain. Our team of over 60 lawyers acts for hundreds of clients in the food and agribusiness sector so we understand the issues you face. We can deal with the legal technicalities and help you to keep track of the regulatory requirements; providing robust and practical advice to guide you when you need it

LARKING GOWEN



Our clients farm over 300,000 acres in the region, and range from small family farms to substantial rural estates. That makes Larking Gowen a major East Anglian farm accountancy firm, and one of the leading firms in this sector nationwide.

CHARTERED
ACCOUNTANTS

Many of our farming families have been with us since the 1920's, enjoying the close and continuous relationship that we pride ourselves on. We understand farming and the unique challenges that it can present, and work hard to understand your business so that we can tailor our advice to your specific circumstances.

To learn more, or to arrange a free initial discussion at your farm, please contact us at agriculture@larking-gowen.co.uk or 0845 4502473.

AGRII



Agrii harnesses the power of skilled agronomists and the best intelligence to deliver unrivalled expertise and support for sustainable and profitable farming systems in the UK.

As a leading provider of agronomy services, technology and strategic advice, Agrii combines excellence and innovation with the latest research and development to ensure our customers can meet today's farming challenges with knowledge and confidence.

We are called Agrii because we deliver Agri-intelligence and innovation: our strengths and skills are embodied in our name.

WHEELERS



Wheelers is an independent firm of chartered accountants offering a full range of services to business and personal clients throughout the Fens and East Anglia.

Although the firm deals with many different types of business, it specialises in agriculture and horticulture. Two of the partners and a consultant in the firm are also chartered tax advisers specialising in capital tax planning matters as well as provision of routine accountancy services.

Wheelers have established an enviable reputation of providing a quality service designed to improve personal wealth, business performance and profitability.

Wheelers is based in the Georgian town of Wisbech in the heart of the Fenland area on the Cambridgeshire, Lincolnshire and Norfolk borders.



John Deere Limited is the UK and Irish arm of the world's largest manufacturer of agricultural, turf, construction and forestry equipment.

The agricultural product range includes tractors, loaders, combine harvesters, drills, sprayers, balers, mower-conditioners, self-propelled foragers, Gator utility vehicles and FarmSight precision farming products and services.

All John Deere machines are sold and supported by specialist servicing dealers, backed by flexible finance programmes from John Deere Financial. The worldwide parts network provides instant information on parts availability, day or night, with orders shipped from anywhere in the world within 24 hours, and overnight or even same day delivery on the UK mainland.

BASIS (REGISTRATION) LTD



BASIS (Registration) Ltd is an independent standards setting and auditing organisation for the pesticide, fertiliser and allied industries. In practice this means that BASIS:

- Offers a range of examinations and recognised qualifications for people working in the pesticide, fertiliser and related sectors;
- Operates an annual inspection scheme to audit pesticide stores and ensure their operation presents minimal risk to people and the environment;
- Manages the Professional Registers for qualified pesticide, fertiliser advisors, dairy farmers and for public health pest control professionals;
- Provides a forum for industry trade associations and other stakeholders to discuss how professional standards can be maintained, improved, promoted;
- Works closely with industry, the regulatory authorities and government to promote and develop professional standards.