

# Farming Conference 2019/20

- Outlook for UK Agricultural Sectors
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- Agricultural Bill, Profitability & Survival
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# Farming Conference 2019/20

*Our one day farming conference has been specifically designed for partners and managers with responsibility for a number of farming clients. It is a specialist conference looking at a wide range of practical issues which will enable those attending to provide the best possible advice to their clients.*

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## 9.30am Welcome and Introduction by Conference Chairperson

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## 9.35am Outlook for UK Agricultural Sectors Graham Redman, The Andersons Centre

Graham will review the financial performance of British agriculture at farm and industry levels, with a projection for 2020.

He will spend time on each major sector of the industry and consider the latest implications of policy change and Brexit issues with some thoughts of the impact of trade and policy changes on farming, long term. The paper will not be solely on such matters though.

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## 10.15am Capital Allowances Update Pat Nown, Mercia Group Ltd

This session will focus on two specific areas of relevance to farming clients:

- The plethora of recent tax legislative developments in plant and machinery capital allowances (AIA WDA and FYA)
- A review of the new Structures and Building allowance

In particular, Pat will consider timing strategies to maximise plant and machinery allowances and other practical points of interest.

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## 10.50am Refreshment break

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## 11.05am Capital Taxes - a Focus on Reliefs and Recent Developments

Pat Nown, Mercia Group Ltd

The significant values that attach to farming assets and businesses requires a regular review of current capital tax reliefs to ensure that they are secured to defer or to save tax. This session will primarily focus on highlighting problem areas when trying to secure BPR and APR - the key IHT reliefs but will also consider:

- Land transactions – trading or capital
  - Recent tax cases of interest for farmers
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## 12.00pm Understanding Your Client

Charles Payne, RG Payne & Son, Spinney Lodge Farm

An opportunity to hear from a farmer as to how accountants and tax advisers can really add value to their clients.

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## 12.30pm Lunch

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## 1.30pm Markets, Masts and Rural Development: Current Non-Brexit Issues Jeremy Moody, CAAV

During this session Jeremy will cover:

- Food markets
  - The environmental/natural capital area
  - Masts
  - Issues around development
  - Housing and farming
  - Residential tenancy issues
  - Biodiversity transfer
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## 2.30pm Where are we on Brexit?

Jeremy Moody, CAAV and David Missen, MHA

The first part of this double session will cover topical issues including:

- Current position, outlook and possible consequences
  - Developing post-Brexit policies for agriculture and land management
  - Environmental policy and schemes
  - Prospects for the profitability and business change
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## 3.30pm Refreshment break

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## 3.45pm Where are we on Brexit? (continued)

Jeremy Moody, CAAV and David Missen, MHA

The second part of this double session will cover topical issues including:

- Strategic survival planning
  - Succession
  - Business structures
  - Agricultural Tenancy Reform
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## 4.45pm Close of conference

**CPD hours: 6**

# Speakers



## David Missen

David is Head of Agriculture at MHA, and a former partner in, and consultant to Larking Gowen.



## Jeremy Moody

Jeremy is Secretary and Adviser to the Central Association of Agricultural Valuers and an independent adviser.



## Pat Nown

Pat is a tax consultant lecturer at Mercia Group. Pat originally trained and worked in the profession for Ernst & Young, Grant Thornton and KPMG before moving to the University of Derby as their senior tax lecturer. Her time at Derby included undergraduate and professional tax training as well as being involved in examinations and publishing projects for ACCA and other professional bodies.

This led to a ten year period with the Financial Training Company now Kaplan where she was Tax Product Director for the Midlands as well as becoming well known as a prominent exam based tax lecturer. Over her career Pat has been actively involved in the tax professional bodies including serving as a Council member for 12 years for the Association of Taxation Technicians.



## Charles Payne

Charles runs a diverse farming business at Spinney Lodge Farm, covering contract farming, industrial units, B&B pigs, sheep, cattle and also a Bed and Breakfast on the farm. He has also recently been through the process of succession planning for their farm business.



## Graham Redman

Graham is Partner and agricultural economist at The Andersons Centre, agribusiness consultants. The team provides specialist agribusiness research services, forecasting, training, briefings and project work. Graham is also the editor of the John Nix Farm Management Pocketbook. Before joining Andersons, Graham was the economist for a major agricultural merchant, focussing chiefly on grain marketing and animal feed. Prior to that, he worked for a farm management consultancy in Central and Southern England. Graham has agricultural degrees from Leeds and Reading Universities.

# Dates and Venues

## The Midlands

**2 October 2019**

**9.30am - 4.45pm**

Hilton East Midlands Airport  
J24 M1  
Derby Road (A50)  
Castle Donnington  
DE74 2YZ  
(Sat Nav: use hotel name) Nearest Train Station: East Midlands Parkway

**Tel: 01509 674 000**  
**www.hilton.com**

## Huntingdon

**6 November 2019**

**9.30am - 4.45pm**

Marriott Hotel Huntingdon  
Kingfisher Way  
Hinchingsbrooke Business Park  
Huntingdon  
PE29 6FL

**Tel: 0148 0446 000**  
**www.marriott.co.uk**

## Penrith

**27 February 2020**

**9.30am - 4.45pm**

Rheged Centre  
Redhills  
Penrith (J40 M6)  
Cumbria  
CA11 0DQ  
Nearest Train Station: Penrith

**Tel: 01768 860011**  
**www.rheged.com**

## Exeter

**4 March 2020**

**9.30am - 4.45pm**

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Kennford  
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Devon  
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