



Energise your business at the Farm Energy Event

The Farm Energy Event, being held on 6th December at the East of England Showground, provides farmers with a timely opportunity to find the best way to generate income from hooking into the renewable energy market.

Farmers and landowners need to act fast to benefit from current high returns, warn industry experts who also predict there could be an energy 'gold rush' in the next few months as the deadline for the current Feed In Tariff (FIT) approaches.

To take advantage of the existing FIT rates the system needs to be fully installed and operational by 31st March 2012. These current FIT rates are calculated to offer an 8% return on investment, but experience shows returns often exceed this figure. Once agreed these rates are guaranteed for 20 years, presenting a genuine and safe business opportunity, as well as also helping to reduce on-farm energy costs.

The Farm Energy Event is the UK's only show to focus solely on equipment, services and information for farmers and land-owners. As well as viewing the latest technology on display visitors are also able to tap into the industry-leading advice from experts in the comprehensive seminar programme and new Energy Matters advice area, which are included in the entry price.

Industry experts in the new Energy Matters advice area will offer free and private one-to-one consultations on a range of subjects including selecting the right energy option, how to finance the investment as well as planning and other issues relating to installations on existing buildings.

A broad range of advice is available in the seminars, which start with an introduction to the Feed In Tariffs and how farmers can choose the best system to suit. Case studies cover a typical on-farm solar installation, a close look at one award-winning farmer's energy set-up as well as provide detailed information on anaerobic digestion and advice on how to finance an installation.

The Farm Energy Event is not only the UK's only show that focuses on energy generation and saving for agricultural businesses, it also comes at precisely the right time to help make the most of existing FIT opportunities. But the FITs are here to stay and regardless of any changes in March next year, the Government still needs to meet its carbon emission reduction targets, which means farm energy installations will still play a key role in achieving this in the future.

Seminar programme:

Knowledge Base: Generate income opportunities

An introduction to Feed In Tariffs (FIT) with a summary of the FIT rates for the main renewable energy options and advice on how farmers can choose the best and most appropriate for their individual situations.

Case Study: Award-winning energy ideas

A close look at one arable and dairy farmer's energy set-up with enterprises including anaerobic digestion with combined heat and power unit, biomass boilers and other heat and power saving measures.

Case Study: Farm scale anaerobic digester

The anaerobic digester at Harper Adams University College is expected to offset the campus carbon emissions three times over. It consumes dairy cow and pig slurry as well as food waste to produce biogas that is burnt to create and electricity.

Case Study: Generate success with solar

This costed case study explains the process from the initial idea for an actual installation and finds out what the project involves, selecting the appropriate panels through to the anticipated return on the investment.

Finance: How to fund the energy options

This seminar looks at the various ways to finance an investment in renewable energy and explains how to put together a business plan and application that will help access funds for the development.

Farm Energy Event Facts

Date: Tuesday 6th December 2011

Venue: Exec Exhibitions Centre

East of England Showground near Peterborough, PE2 6XE

Tickets: £15 on the day or 30% discount for pre-booking on-line at www.farm-smart.co.uk/farmenergy or telephone on 0845 4900 142.

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