



NIAB Leafy salads open day

Including soils and growing media themed morning seminar sessions

G's Fresh, Redmere Drove, Ely, Cambs, CB7 4SS (please do not arrive at G's main office, if you use the postcode above it will direct you to Redmere Drove)

Thursday 22nd June 2017 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

This year's leafy salad varieties open day will be held at G's Fresh on 22nd June. The event will include four interactive soils and growing media themed workshops in the morning. In the afternoon delegates will have the opportunity to visit over 90 variety plots demonstrated by Bruce Napier and representatives from the seed houses and a chance to quiz them about their extended catalogues. In addition, there will be a soil pit and the opportunity to look at how to assess soil structure in the field.

Programme

10:00 Registration and refreshments

10:30 Soils and growing media themed workshops

Attendees will be split into 4 groups and take it in turns to visit each workshop.

1. How can we use precision farming tools to measure and manage variability in our soils and crops Lizzie Sagoo, ADAS
2. Soil health indicators to inform land management decisions and increase crop yield and quality Stefan De Cristoforo, Waitrose
3. Responsibly sourced growing media Chloe Whiteside & Sonia Newman, ADAS
4. When lettuce transplants meet the soil – a love affair with a happy ending Jim Monaghan, Harper Adams University

12:30 Lunch

13:30 Depart for field visit

- Variety plots Bruce Napier, NIAB
Seed companies
- Assessing and managing soil structure Paul Newell Price, ADAS

16:00 Close

Includes BASIS points

To register: email brooke.lovelock@britishgrowers.org or phone 01507 353792

