



College of Agriculture,  
Food & Rural Enterprise

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## **Agronomy and Business Management Conference for Arable Growers**



**CAFRE,**  
**Greenmount Campus, Antrim**  
Thursday 11th January, 2018  
9.30am – 4.30pm



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CEREALS & OILSEEDS



**This all day conference jointly organised by CAFRE, the Ulster Arable Society and the Ulster Farmers' Union will provide arable growers with current agronomy and business management issues.**

## Morning

- **Opening address**  
Martin Grantley-Smith, AHDB, Strategy Director Cereals and Oilseeds
- **Organic manures - messages from the COMS project**  
Dr Ethel White, Head of Plant Research Station, AFBI Crossnacreevy
- **Role of Potash in soil and plant health**  
Steve Townsend, xxxxxxxxxxxx  
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- **Potential for cover crops in Northern Ireland**  
Shay Phelan, Crops Specialist, Teagasc
- **Discussion session**

## Afternoon

- **Breaking the world wheat record**  
Rod Smith, Arable Farmer, Northumberland
- **Taking care of your soil - tyre setup**  
Iain Johnston, Crops Adviser, CAFRE
- **Looking to the future -Young Farmer Land Mobility Scheme**  
John McCallister, Land Mobility Programme Manager, YFCU
- **Debate and discussion**  
Bruce Steele, Agronomist and Robert Moore, Arable Farmer  
Facilitated by Andy Doyle, Tillage Editor, Irish Farmers' Journal



**BASIS points and NROSO points applied for. This is a KTT qualifying event for Cereal and Potato BDG members. Attendees must ensure they sign the relevant registers on the day.**

**Event cost: £25 to include tea/coffee on arrival, buffet lunch and afternoon tea/coffee.**

**Book online: [www.ufuni.org/events](http://www.ufuni.org/events).**

**If you have difficulty booking online, please contact Angela Scott (UFU HQ) on Tel: 028 9037 0222**

**Note: Places cannot be reserved and payment in full is required at the time of booking by credit or debit card. Bookings received after the 5th January will incur an additional £5 charge.**

**For conference speakers or facilities queries contact:**

**CAFRE KT Admin on Tel: 028 9442 6790 or Email: [kt.admin@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:kt.admin@daera-ni.gov.uk)**

**Note: Ulster Arable Society members are entitled to a £5 refund on attendance at the AGM.**