

Agricultural Land Classification (England and Wales)

Course timetable and content

Day 1: Tuesday 23 November			
09:30	Welcome & Introduction to the course	DT / BL	15 mins
09:45	The background, role and structure of the Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) system for England and Wales	IR	30 mins
10:15	Assessing climate and site for ALC	GS	20 mins
10:35	Use of existing soil and ALC information for ALC in E&W	GS	10 mins
10:45	Questions		10 mins
10:55	Comfort Break		15 mins
11:10	Designing a soil survey for ALC	GS	10 mins
11:20	Soil structure, porosity and colour	IR	30 mins
11:50	Collecting soil information for ALC	RM	30 mins
12:20	Questions		10 mins
12:30	Close		

Day 2: Wednesday 24 November			
09:30	Classification of land according to the ALC system	RM	45 mins
10:15	Producing a final ALC map	IR	20 mins
10:35	Writing a comprehensive ALC Report	IR	20 mins
10:55	Questions / Discussion		15 mins
11:10	Comfort Break		15 mins
11:25	Soil Wetness Class Assessment for ALC	IR	25 mins
11:50	Exercise 1 Quick Fire Questions	IR	15 mins
12:05	Soil Droughtiness Assessment for ALC	RM	25 mins
12:30	Exercise 2 Quick Fire Questions	RM	15 mins
12:45	How to physically do a survey in the field	IR	15 mins
13:00	Close		

Day 3: Thursday 25 November			
9:30	Sources of Information - Infra red imagery, Landis any others, MAGIC	IR	30 mins
10:00	Workshop 1 - Deriving ALC grades from soil and site records		45 mins
10:45	Comfort Break		15 mins
11:00	Workshop 2 - Creating an ALC map from ALC field records		45 mins
11:45	Feedback from workshops		30 mins
12:15	Discussion of Results		20 mins
12:35	Questions		25 mins
13:00	Close		

Day 4: Tuesday 7 December (optional)			
9:30	Open forum for questions and discussions		1 hour
10:30	Close		

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