BRITISH SOCIETY OF SOIL SCIENCE

Agricultural Land Classification (England and Wales)

Course timetable and content

Day 1: Tuesday 22 November			
09:30	Welcome & Introduction to the course	DT / BL	15 mins
09:45	Networking session	ALL	30 mins
10:15	The background, role and structure of the Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) system for England and Wales	IR	30 mins
10:45	Assessing climate and site for ALC	GS	20 mins
11:05	Use of existing soil and ALC information for ALC in E&W	GS	10 mins
11:15	Questions		10 mins
11:25	**Comfort Break**		15 mins
11:40	Designing a soil survey for ALC	GS	10 mins
11:50	Soil structure, porosity and colour	IR	30 mins
12:20	Collecting soil information for ALC	RM	30 mins
12:50	Questions		10 mins
13:00	**Close**		

Day 2: Wednesday 23 November			
09:30	Networking session	ALL	30 mins
10:00	Classification of land according to the ALC system	RM	45 mins
10:45	Producing a final ALC map	IR	20 mins
11:05	Writing a comprehensive ALC Report	IR	20 mins
11:25	Questions / Discussion		15 mins
11:40	**Comfort Break**		15 mins
11:55	Soil Wetness Class Assessment for ALC	IR	25 mins
12:20	Exercise 1 Quick Fire Questions & Discussion	IR	25 mins
12:45	Soil Droughtiness Assessment for ALC	RM	25 mins
13:10	Exercise 2 Quick Fire Questions & Discussion	RM	25 mins
13:35	**Close**		

Day 3: Thursday 24 November			
9:30	Networking session	ALL	30 mins
10:00	Sources of Information – understanding soil maps, obtaining ALC survey information, use of aerial imagery and future sources	IR	30 mins
10:30	Workshop 1 - Deriving ALC grades from soil and site records		45 mins
11:15	**Comfort Break**		15 mins
11:30	Workshop 2 - Creating an ALC map from ALC field records		45 mins
12:15	Feedback from workshops		30 mins
12:45	Discussion of Results		20 mins
13:05	Questions		25 mins
13:30	Feedback Poll		5 mins
13:35	**Close**		

Day 4: Tuesday 6 December (compulsory)			
9:30	Breakout groups and open forum for questions and discussions		1 hour
10:30	**Close**		