

HTA Grower Technical Workshop Programme for 2025

New developments in biological pest control

Agrii, Throws Farm, Dunmow CM6 3AQ

Tuesday 6th May 2025

This technical workshop, a combination of presentation/discussion and exhibition/demonstration, presents the latest developments and thinking concerning the implementation of biological control programmes on nurseries. Various biocontrol suppliers will discuss and demonstrate their latest products covering new biological control agent products, monitoring techniques, and application devices. It's a great opportunity to hear and understand new approaches and technologies, and to also network with like-minded growers. There will also be opportunity to see the new dedicated glasshouse facilities at the Agrii site.



Workshop agenda

| Time | Content | Speaker |
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| Agrii, Throws Farm, Leatheart conference room | | |
| 09:00 – 09:30 | <i>Coffee, tea, and refreshments</i> | |
| Presentations | | |
| 09:30 – 10:10 | New macro-biological species for biocontrol, and supplementary feeding using 'Nutrimite' | Tim Crittenden, Biobest UK |
| 10:10 – 10:50 | New methods for the efficient introduction of biocontrol agents | Simon Beasley, Bioline Agrosciences |
| 10:50 – 11:00 | <i>Coffee, tea, and refreshments</i> | |
| 11:00 – 11:40 | Natutec Aiobreez – new hand-held release system | Stella Cubison, Koppert UK |
| 11:40 – 12:20 | TruePest, an AI driven Smart Monitoring Ecosystem for thrips and whitefly, and 'Push-Pull' IPM techniques for the control of thrips | Andrew Russell, Russel IPM |
| 12:20 – 13:00 | Where next with biological pest control? | Selchuk Kurtev, Zest Sustainable ICM |
| 13:00 – 13:45 | <i>Lunch buffet</i> | |

| Exhibition / demonstrations in the trial glasshouse | | |
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| 14:00 – 14:15 | Introduction to Agrii and the site facilities | Matt Greep and team, Agrii |
| 14:15 – 16:00 | Demonstrations by the biocontrol suppliers – delegates split into two groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biobest stand – Trap Eye, PATS-C Demonstration 20 mins • Bioline Agrosiences stand – SPRAYVENT Demonstration 20 mins • Koppert stand – Natutec Aiobreez Demonstration 20 mins • Russell IPM stand – TruePest Demonstration 20 mins | Biocontrol suppliers |
| 15.35 | Wrap up, networking and depart | |

The number of attendees per business will be limited to two.

BASIS and NRoSO continual professional development points will be available on the day of the workshop.

Venue address and directions:

Agrii, Throws Farm, Dunmow CM6 3AQ (highlighted in yellow on the map)

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