

ABOUT CORSKIE MONITOR FARM

Farm Name **Corskie Farm, Garmouth, Fochabers, Moray, IV32 7NN**

Corskie Farm is run by Iain Green in partnership with his mother and father. The family have been farming in the area for over 60 years. Over 1,440 hectares (3,560 acres) in total is currently farmed by the business.

Arable: The main arable enterprise consists of growing Spring Barley (535ha) for malting. Winter Wheat (86ha), Winter Barley (70ha) and Spring Oats (11ha) are also grown, with the majority being used on-farm as livestock feed.

Cattle: The family run 380 cross cow suckler herd, alongside a 200- cow pedigree Simmental herd. Simmental and shorthorn bulls as well AI is used to spread out calving across the year.

Sheep: There are 600 Mules and Mule cross Texel sheep which are lambed in April with all lambs finished.

Pigs: At Corskie there is an indoor breeding herd of 380 sows, producing breeding gilts for Rattlerow.

Management Group

Andrew Anderson (Chair), Hugh Thomson, Robbie Newlands, Martin Birse, Robert Manson, Charlie Gray, Cameron MacIver, Ian McHattie, Stewart Grant, Stewart Stronach and Stewart Rothnie.

MEETING TOPICS

The management group of the Morayshire Monitor Farm is made up of 10 local farmers, one of which is also a vet, the farm agronomist and a student from SRUC Craibstone who is from the Morayshire area. The management group were selected from the wider community group ensuring that the members were representative of the Morayshire area. The management group are responsible for acting as a link between the community group, host farmer and facilitators to ensure that everyone is engaged and the agricultural issues in Morayshire are challenged as part of the project. The management group are also key to helping steer the monitor farm and determines which topics to cover and look at in more detail.

During 2018 the Management Group met formally twice with the next Management Group meeting in planning for early March 2019.

ATTENDANCE

To date over 650 people have attended the Morayshire Monitor Farm at Corskie over ten meetings, equating to an average attendance of 66 per meeting. Feedback from the community group has been positive with many taking home information and practical tips and ideas to put into practice within their own businesses. Throughout the coming year it is anticipated that there will be continued support from the community group at the meetings to help improve the business at Corskie and other businesses within the Morayshire area and beyond.

MEETINGS SUMMARY YEAR TWO

Meeting Date	Attendance	Topics	Outcomes
13 th Feb 2018	44	Preparing for Calving and Lambing & Managing Modern Barley Varieties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vets tips & tricks at lambing / calving time - calving detectors & technology - The use of EBVs - Use a whole season approach to manage modern barley varieties
28 th May 2018	51	Grass mix, SmartGrass & Fertiliser trials Heifer Pelvic Measuring Demo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grassland varieties trials at Corskie and how to choose grass seed suitable for dry conditions - SmartGrass trial – field visit - Liquid vs. Bagged Fertiliser comparison - Pelvic measuring demo of heifers
10 th July 2018	48	SB & WB Variety management Beef Monitor System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SB & WB variety trials - Crop management at Corskie - Fertiliser timings/split applications - Crops in dry summer - Use of the Beef Monitor System - Benefits from monitoring DLWGs & performance of cattle - Dry weather conditions, no grass growth, less silage, lower yields etc. – planning ahead
16 th Oct 2018	46	Machinery Review Harvest Results Plans for Winter Feeding with lack of Forage Over-seeding Grass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Machinery & power costs - Corskie machinery/power costs compared to other farms in UK - Update on Beef Monitor & cattle performance to date - Look at over-seeding in field - Discussion for contingency plans after dry summer and lack of forage
4 th Dec 2018	43	Succession Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Farm business succession - How to begin putting plans into place, including personal, family & business goals - Know your options & ask for help from professionals

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