

Recording meetings with Agronomist/Technical Advisor

Guidance Notes

Aims:

- To improve communication between the agronomist and the NRoSO member.
- To encourage the transfer of up-to-date information to the sprayer operator.

Background:

When NRoSO members meet with agronomists, it provides an excellent opportunity for the transfer of recent technical developments, legislative requirements and agronomic characteristics. Often agronomists visit farms without meeting farm staff but when they do meet up the outcomes provide a valuable form of 'continuing professional development' (CPD). Normally the NRoSO member would accompany the agronomist around the farm or holding.

A Good Advisor will be an invaluable source of technical information such as;

- Which products are best suited to deal with a particular set of circumstances
- New scientific developments including new and better ways of using older products
- When dose rates can be adjusted to achieve effective control at optimum cost
- Guidance on health, safety and legislative aspects of pesticide use
- Guidance on such matters as buffer zones and other environmental requirements
- The requirements to satisfy the assurance schemes.

Features:

- The meeting should be agreed with the agronomist beforehand
- Each arranged meeting is worth 2 CPD points
- Only 2 meetings per year i.e. a maximum of 4 CPD points, can be claimed each year of membership
- Only a maximum of 6 meetings will be accredited over the 3 year duration of the membership i.e. 12 CPD points
- The timing of the meetings would be best if they were varied throughout the spraying year e.g. one autumn and one spring.
- The Agronomist meeting slip must be returned within three months of the meeting in order for points to be added to a membership.

Suggested topics to be discussed & recorded

Application Practice

- Control options
- Product choice and dose rate
- Timing
- Tank mixing
- Nozzle choice
- Water volume
- Application techniques
- Tank cleaning

Environment

- Environmental impact
- Buffer zones
- Effects of non-target application • Precautions

Record of meetings with Agronomist/Technical Advisor

For the allocation of 2 CPD points the outcome of this meeting should be recorded using the following form (please note a maximum two meetings can be claimed for per year).

Name

NRoSO Membership No

Please record the date, duration and actions of the meeting with the Agronomist/ Technical Advisor below.

Date

Duration

Make notes of the key points under the following headings:

Environment

Crop Protection

Signed (NRoSO member)	Date
Signed (BASIS member)	Date
Print Name (BASIS member)	BASIS No: