

## **AHDB/BPOA Poinsettia Discussion Group Meetings**

### **Varietal introductions and growth control in poinsettia production**

**21 November 2019**

**Neame Lea Nursery, Horseshoe Road, Spalding, Lincolnshire PE11 3JB**



As part of ongoing AHDB Horticulture-funded work, two events are being staged during 2019 and 2020. The November meeting will focus on new and recently introduced poinsettia varieties and explore growth control using programmes based on new plant growth regulator products and the implementation of water deficit irrigation on a large scale. The second event, staged in January 2020, will focus on plant shelf-life.

### **Programme**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Presentation</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
9.30	<i>Registration, coffee/tea refreshments</i>	
10.00	Event welcome by the BPOA Poinsettia Group Chairperson	Graeme Edwards, Woodlark Nurseries
10.05	Growing with water deficit irrigation, the pros and cons	Vasile Agache, Neame Lea Nurseries
10.30	Water deficit trial 2019	Mark Else, NIAB EMR
11.00	<i>Coffee/tea refreshments</i>	
11.15	Results from the poinsettia residue testing work	Neil Bragg, Substrate Associates
11.30	IPM update for pest and disease control in poinsettia	David Hide, Fargo
12.00	Plant growth regulator programmes for poinsettia trial	Jill England, ADAS
12.15	Poinsettia variety trial 2019	Harry Kitchener, Consultant
12.30	<i>Lunch</i>	
13.00	Visits to on-site demonstrations (30 mins each): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PGR programme assessment trial</li> <li>• Water deficit trial</li> <li>• Poinsettia production at Neame Lea</li> <li>• Poinsettia variety trial scoring</li> </ul>	Jill England, ADAS Mark Else, NIAB, EMR Vasile Agache, Neame Lea Harry Kitchener, Consultant
15.00	Any other business including further discussion on research needs and study tour ideas for 2020	Graeme Edwards, BPOA Poinsettia Group Chairperson
15.30	<i>Coffee/tea refreshments and depart</i>	