

## **ARE YOU GETTING THE MOST FROM YOUR GRASS?**

The Cairngorms National Park Authority, in association with the Cairngorms Farmers' Forum, is working in conjunction with the Scottish Agricultural College to offer a course for land-based businesses within/partly within the Cairngorms National Park. It will take place at:

**Tuesday 25 September 2012, 13.00 to 16.30**  
**Tullochgorum Farm, Boat of Garten**

A soil sample will be required before the event to have it analysed and the individual written results will be available on the day – once you register for the course you will be told where to deposit the sample prior to the event. There will be a nominal fee of £10 for analysis of your sample. **The soil sample will be required to be with us by Friday 31 August.**

The course will be run by Jenny McCallum and will cover:

### **Soil      Good Foundation**

- The value of soil analysis – look at attendees sample results
- Soil structure – handle different samples and discuss why they need treated differently
- (Sub soiling and drainage – machinery demo?)
- Fertiliser and trace elements - what and when to apply and how to cut costs

### **Grass**

- Do you know your improved from your unimproved? – how to recognise the value of the sward
- Clover – red, white, wild, large and small? – which, why and when?
- How to manage semi natural grassland
- Re-seeding techniques – pros and cons
- Cutting and grazing management - could you:
  - Increase stocking rate
  - Take less seasonal grazing
  - Increase output
  - Cut purchased feed costs

For further information and **to register attendance** please contact **Laura Grant** by **Friday 24 August.**

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