

Cold Harbour Farm



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Cold Harbour Farm is a family owned farm located in Bishop Burton focusing on the production of six rotational crops for a range of markets including vining peas for Birds Eye. The 750 acre farm has been in the same family since 1770 with the aims to farm intensively while constantly caring for the environment. Cold Harbour Farm has been a LEAF Demonstration Farm since 1993. Recently started various areas of work Agri-EPI as a satellite farm which was introduced through LEAF.



The Farm

Cold Harbour Farm is a 750 acre farm just three miles west of the historic market town of Beverley, in the village of Bishop Burton. We have farmed in this area since 1770 and cold Harbour Farm since 1889 in a family partnership.

Crops for food

We follow a traditional six course rotation of winter wheat, winter barley, vining peas, oilseed rape and set aside. Wheat is grown for seed and other cereal crops are sold into various markets. The vining peas are grown for Birds Eye and provide an excellent break crop supplying nitrogen for the following crop.



Conservation

For many years, we have managed Cold Harbour Farm with consideration for the environment. We have a long term programme of hedge planting and restoration and grass strips around field edges have been planted with native grasses and wild flowers. We have planted areas of woodland on the farm with ash, beech, mountain ash, oak and field maple. As part of the countryside stewardship scheme hedgerows have been improved and the network of conservation headlands extended. The farm is also part of the Birds Eye sustainability project.

Two tumuli have been grassed down and preserved and there are other Neolithic sites of historic interest on the farm.

Visits

We welcome visitors to Cold Harbour Farm so we can share with them how we are trying to balance a thriving business with positive environmental management, by following LEAF and Integrated Farm Management principles. Visits can take place throughout the year and are arranged through the LEAF office.



About LEAF Demonstration Farms

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