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Seed Potatoes can be Grown in Wales

VEGETABLE producer Emlyn Williams is hosting a CALU workshop aimed at encouraging seed potato production.

The Centre of Alternative Land Use, Bangor University, has organised a seminar on his farm near Llandudno on July 10, 1.30pm-3.30pm.

It's been timed to coincide with the relaunch of the flagship Farming Connect scheme by the Assembly Government on the same day.

The free event will help growers understand the practical and legal aspects of seed production. Seed potatoes are traditionally grown in Scotland but parts of Wales also provide ideal conditions for their cultivation. Š

Aldwyn Clarke, of ADAS Wales, will provide practical agronomic advice and lead a crop walk, while Dr David Shaw, of the Sárvári Research Trust, will discuss the benefits of low input Sárpo varieties of potato. Mr Williams, a former milk producer, is growing Sárpo seed potatoes for the first time this year.

Organic production will be discussed by Tony Little, Organic Centre Wales. CALU project officer Felizitas Rupp said growing seed potatoes to organic standards is more challenging but offers more opportunities.Š

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