

# Your invitation to the first Climate Change Focus Farm open day on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2010 from 10.45 until 14.45 at



## Torr Farm

Auchencairn, Castle Douglas, Dumfries and Galloway, DG7 1QN. Invitation by kind permission of Ross and Lee Paton.

Hear about measures Ross and Lee Paton are considering for their 420ha organic dairy and beef unit that will save money, benefit their business, help reduce emissions and adapt to potential climate change.

### Who are the speakers?

- ✓ **Ross Paton** (Torr) – explaining the system at Torr and why they volunteered to be climate change focus farmers
- ✓ **Hugh McClymont** (SAC Farm Manager, Crichton Royal Farm) – getting the best out of grass in an NVZ
- ✓ **Seamus Donnelly** (Senior Consultant, SAC Stranraer) – improving livestock management and use of nutrients
- ✓ **Jim Campbell** (SAC specialist in energy and renewables) - reducing your spend on fuels and developing on-farm renewables potential
- ✓ **Alan Crichton** (NFUS) – get ahead of the game; why act now on climate change? What we are seen to be doing about it now could matter.

### Who is the meeting for?

It's a practical meeting out on the farm for both conventional **and** organic farmers looking to save money on electricity and fuel bills, maximise returns from fertiliser and feed purchases, those considering installing renewables or just wanting to learn more about the implications of climate change on-farm.

### Why should you attend?

We are going to hear more and more about climate change in the years to come, for example some suppliers are already looking for carbon budgets. This is your opportunity to learn more about the issues and:

- ✓ find out practical measures to use at home to benefit the bottom line
- ✓ 'pick the brains' of other farmers and SAC specialists
- ✓ become part of the focus farm group; you help to choose future topics and specialist speakers that will benefit your business.

### How much does it cost?

It's free to attend but please register so we can confirm numbers for lunch. To book your free place contact Sandra Macrae at SAC Dumfries Office on 01387 261 172 or [sandra.macrae@sac.ac.uk](mailto:sandra.macrae@sac.ac.uk) by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September.