

Program of the farmers' cafes.

Wednesday, Sept 11th – Introduction to saline agriculture and workshops Applied University VHL in Leeuwarden (Agora 1, 8934 Leeuwarden), Room S.110	
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch , an occasion to get to know farmers, agricultural advisors, policy workers and other practitioners from across the North Sea Region
14.00 - 14.20	A word of welcome and practical information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A word of welcome by prof. Pier Vellinga (chair of the Saline Futures conference) - Practical information on the international farmers cafés by Jeroen De Waegemaeker (ILVO) - Video on the SalFar framework on salinization processes
14.20 - 14.40	Salinization: A challenge for farming. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation by Tineke De Vries (Potato Valley, the Netherlands) - Q&A with the audience
14.40 - 15.00	Food for thought! Two brief presentations (10min) on salinization and saline agriculture prior to the interactive workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 'The ABC of saline soils. <i>And introduction to the impact of salinization on soils.'</i> by Åsgeir Almås (NIMBU, Norway) and Ian Gould (Lincoln University, the United Kingdom) - 'Forty years of saline farming in Texel. <i>Learning from mistakes and successes throughout the years.'</i> by Marc van Rijsselberghe (Salt Farm Foundation, the Netherlands)
15.00 - 15.30	Coffee break
15.30 - 17.30	Interactive workshops on salinization and saline agriculture. Two consecutive rounds of two parallel sessions Round 1 (15:30-16:20) and round 2 (16:30-17:20) Session 1 – The impact of salinization on soils, plant growth and agricultural livability. Inspirer: Åsgeir Almås and Ian Gould Session 2 – The salt-tolerance of agricultural crops and the potential of saline farming in the North Sea Region. Inspirer: Marc van Rijsselberghe
17.30 - 18.30	A message from the farming community to science. At the closing session of the Saline Futures conference, farmers and practitioners get to communicate their main concerns about salinization and their expectations for saline farming to the world of science.
19.30 - 22.00	Saline dinner

Thursday, Sept 12th – Excursions to the SalFar test sites

Salt Farm Foundation (Mokweg 41, 1797 SB Den Hoorn Texel)

08.00 - 17.00

Salt Farm Foundation (SFF) is established for sharing knowledge on saline agriculture with small-scale farmers worldwide, in an effort to find solutions to salinization and to improve food security, with minimal impact on already scarce fresh water supplies. **Located on the Dutch Waddenisland of Texel**, the organization invites you to visit sites related to saline agriculture.

More information can be found [here](#).



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