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The Institution of Agricultural Engineers (IAgrE) 2020 conference to tackle lean agricultural engineering and resilience in the supply chain

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Today's Covid environment has stretched supply chains to their limits and beyond in some cases and the conference aims to help delegates reflect on what has worked, what hasn't and how organisations and businesses can adapt to flourish in this new landscape.

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The programme kicks off with [IAgrE President Paul Hemingway introducing the event](#).

Other speakers are:

- Martin Hamer, Fendt National Sales Manager, will be talking about how Fendt have flexed to accommodate different working approaches. He will also consider how the changes have now embedded in the business and what this means moving forward,
- Richard Halsall, group sales manager for one of the UK's largest John Deere dealers looking at how the company manages inventory, deliveries and the interface between customers and company personnel.

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- John Shropshire of G's Fresh Produce, discussing how lean principles revolve around ensuring efficient delivery of services and products in the fresh produce business.
- Dr Mark Cooper, an independent safety engineer will inform delegates about how they can learn from other organisations in times of difficulty.
- Professor Simon Pearson of the Lincoln Institute of AgriFood Technology will talk about the work which LIAT are involved in and how they relate to food supply efficiency, resilience and change manager.

The conference is free to IAgrE members and a small charge plus a special introductory membership rate is on offer for non-members.

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