

Meet the NFU Combinable Crops Board

Mike Hambly - Chairman

Michael Hambly farms 490 acres in a family partnership at Callington, Cornwall, producing cereals, oilseed rape and beef.

After graduating from Harper Adams he joined Cornwall Farmers and gained more than 20 years' experience working in the supply sector prior to returning home to farm. Michael is a qualified agronomist and ran the grain division of Cornwall Farmers for six years before heading up First for Forage, a national trading company.

Michael is a founder member, past chairman and Director of Kernow Grain; an 18,500 tonne co-operative grain store, and is also Vice Chairman of West Country Grain Marketing.

He is chairman of the TAG Technical committee for Cornwall and has hosted the Cornwall TAG trial site. Michael has worked with initiatives to promote Cornish grain and has been instrumental in developing links between Ginsters and growers for the production of identity-preserved Cornish Milling Wheat. He is a past member of the HGCA Board, Chairman of the British Cereals Export Committee, Vice Chairman of Copa Cogeca Cereals and Oilseed Group and Vice Chairman of the European Oilseed Alliance.



Robert Lockhart – Vice Chairman and West Midlands regional board chair

Robert Lockhart farms around 300 acres of light soils in South East Staffordshire on the Warwickshire border. Robert grows 200 acres of wheat and barley, as well as processing potatoes for McCain with contracts to supply in February, April and May.

Robert graduated from Silsoe with a degree in Agricultural Engineering, then undertook a Master's degree in Engineering Design at Loughborough University. Robert then undertook a three year Research contract into cultivations at the Scottish Institute of Agricultural Engineering, followed by seven years as a Machinery Advisor with ADAS and 11 years as Assistant Agricultural Director at the RASE before returning to the family farm



Under the current CAP Robert has invested heavily in his Countryside Stewardship agreement, and has a small livery business on the farm. Robert is the chairman of the West Midlands Regional Combinable Crops Board, a member of the West Midlands Regional Horticulture Board, a member of the NFU Potato Forum as well as a Staffordshire Council member.

Board members

North East – Brett Askew

North West – Richard Reeves

East Midlands – Mark Leggott

East Anglia – Andrew Crossley

South West – Paul Harris

South East – Laurence Matthews

Wales – Perkin Evans

Appointed members

Tom Bradshaw

James Cox

Andy Barr

John Collen