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# CATCHING UP WITH KENYA

## JOIN A FASCINATING FARM STUDY TOUR

### 22ND-28TH\* MARCH 2014

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### AGRI-TOUR KENYA 2014: BE INSPIRED

The hunt is on to select another nine UK farmers for an amazing and mind-expanding agricultural adventure in East Africa. Agri-Tour Kenya 2013 proved such a success that Green Shoots has the go-ahead for another one, in the last week of March 2014. Susie Emmett, who has over a decade's experience working with the Kenyan fresh produce sector, guides the tour.

*“Agri-Tour Kenya 2013 was brilliant. It was full on from the first moment.*

*Andrew Burgess,  
Produce World*

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### WHAT YOU WILL SEE

Key themes highly relevant to UK farming include: how Kenyan businesses are pioneering innovative methods of pest control and crop performance improvers; integration of soil and environmental management and business culture.

*“When I am asked how far Kenyan farming is behind us in the UK, my reply is they are ten years ahead. It's inspiring.*

*David Jones, Morley Farms*”

With just an overnight stay in Nairobi after a flight from the UK, you will spend five days travelling in the agricultural powerhouse of this productive region in Africa. Visit Thika, Nanyuki and Mount Kenya region, Nakuru and Naivasha before returning along the Rift valley to Nairobi for the flight back to the UK. We stay in simple, comfortable and safe accommodation in beautiful places.

### MEET KENYAN AGRICULTURALISTS WITH A LOT TO SHARE

Respected agronomists, farmers, production managers and entrepreneurs from successful Kenyan companies including KHE Ltd, Ravine Roses, Real IPM and Sunripe will share their farming experience and innovation.

Cost: Participant contribution of £1200 plus VAT. Remainder of tour costs are financed from RDPE Skills Frameworks.

Further information [www.green-shoots.org/agri-tour-kenya-2014/](http://www.green-shoots.org/agri-tour-kenya-2014/)

\* dates to be confirmed

## TO SEE FARMERS' REPORTS FROM AGRI TOUR KENYA 2013 FOLLOW THESE LINKS:

Charles Bracey - [www.green-shoots.org/biological-control-of-pests/](http://www.green-shoots.org/biological-control-of-pests/)

David Jones - [www.green-shoots.org/farming-on-the-equator/](http://www.green-shoots.org/farming-on-the-equator/)

Andrew Burgess - <http://leafmarque.wordpress.com/2014/01/16/notes-from-an-agricultural-tour-of-kenya/>

Susie Emmett's guest blog for LEAF - <http://leafmarque.wordpress.com/2014/01/06/integrated-farm-management-seeking-the-best-examples-in-the-world/>

And – hot off the press – here is a farmer diary of what was seen and learned  
[www.fwi.co.uk/articles/23/01/2014/142941/uk-farmers-inspired-by-kenyan-agriculture.htm](http://www.fwi.co.uk/articles/23/01/2014/142941/uk-farmers-inspired-by-kenyan-agriculture.htm)

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This knowledge exchange tour is being led by Smiths Gore's Associate Consultant Susie Emmett. Susie has extensive experience of agriculture in Kenya having made many documentaries on Kenyan farming for BBC World Service and through her involvement in the development of LEAF Marque accredited farms. Susie will ensure everyone on the study tour gets the maximum value out of each and every visit in this fascinating farming nation.



All costs are subject to VAT. The tour itinerary may be subject to change at the discretion of Smiths Gore. This project is supported by the Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) for which Defra is the Managing Authority, part funded (or financed) by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development: Europe investing in rural areas. To be eligible to receive this funding you need to conform to set eligibility criteria which can be found at [www.ccalandskills.co.uk](http://www.ccalandskills.co.uk).