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Technical notes on sustainable dairying published:

A digital handbook for farmers and advisors on various aspects of low-input and organic dairy farming (output from the SOLID project) has just been published [More...](#)

Save the dates for 2017 Organic Producers' Conference

The 11th Organic Producers' Conference will be held on Wednesday 1st February and Thursday 2nd February 2017 at Aston University, Birmingham

News

Organic farmers urge Commission to ban patents on seeds:

Dutch Ministry of Agriculture hosts symposium on plant breeders' rights [More...](#)

Winner of the Soil farmer of the Year announced:

Clive Bailye wins, organic grower Iain Tolhurst awarded second prize [More...](#)

Potato late blight field lab:

Innovative Farmers discover benefits of blight resistant potato varieties [More...](#)

'Turn your nose up' campaign launched:

Turn your nose up at pig factories: [More...](#)

From Agriculogy

The latest news and features from [Agriculogy](#) includes:

Farmer profile:

Nicci Wilkinson, bee-keeper, Bosavern Community Farm, Cornwall. [More...](#)

Beekeeping and sustainability:

Factsheet, produced by the Welsh-based organisation Bees for Development discusses sustainable beekeeping [More](#)

Pollinators & pesticides: A review of the evidence

Tim Field of Daylesford Foundation blogs on our 'greatest ecological service'.

Sainfoin establishment at Daylesford farm

Following our April video blog Daylesford Organic Farm's Richard Smith talks us through the establishment of his sainfoin crop. [More...](#)

Can we manage our farms sustainably without reliance on antibiotics?

Ruth Clements, Head of Veterinary Programmes at FAI Farms asks in her blog “Do we need a radical rethink?” [More...](#)

Fruit trees improve land and productivity:

Woodland Trust case study outlines Devonshire farmer Martyn Bragg’s experience of incorporating alley cropping systems in to his 170-hectare organic mixed farm. [More](#)

Upcoming events

9 June 2016: [Livestock in low-input systems conference](#)

SOPA and OF&G event in Cumbria

28 June 2016: [Agricology Open Day at Daylesford](#)

a farm tour and gathering of partners and experts

7 July 2016: [National Organic Combinable Crops 2016](#)

Wimpole Hall, Cambs.

2-4 September 2016: [Convergence 2016](#)

British Permaculture Convergence in Yorkshire

1-2 February 2017: [11th Organic Producers' Conference](#)

Save the dates!

Photo albums

Elm Farm trail - Pang Valley Group

Pang Valley Conservation Volunteers help out on the Elm Farm trail - 3rd May 2016 [See photos](#)

OK-NET Arable project meeting - Elm Farm [See photos](#)

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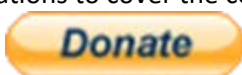
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