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Organic Producer Conference booking is open!

Book early for best prices – The 11th Organic Producers' Conference **Rising to the challenge: Practical organic farming solutions for an uncertain future** will be held on Wednesday 1st February and Thursday 2nd February 2017 at Conference Aston, Aston University, Birmingham, B4 7ET [More...](#)

News

Insights into the needs of sheep and goat farmers in the UK:

“We rely on researchers and innovators” say sheep and goat farmers [More...](#)

Cover crop mixtures increase agroecosystem services:

Benefits of cover crop mixtures measures by US researchers [More...](#)

Consumers in the dark about GM in food chain:

A damning new assessment of the UK's top ten supermarkets demonstrates just how far GM crops have crept unnoticed into the UK food chain. [More...](#)

Food and Farming standards consultation:

The Soil Association are updating their standards and want your views [More...](#)

Massive overuse of farm antibiotics continues in Europe:

Use of antibiotics in Europe remains more than twice as high in animals as in humans [More...](#)

Atul successfully completed the Bournemouth Half Marathon:

Our Major Donor Officer finished in under 2 hours to raise funds for the Organic Research Centre. [More..](#)

From Agricolgy

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

Agroforestry and using woodchip to improve soil health

Ben Raskin from the Soil Association blogs. [More...](#)

Preparing ewes for tugging

Richard Smith from Daylesford's vlog. [More...](#)

Farmer profile:

Stephen Briggs of Whitehall Farm in Cambridgeshire on his motivations for introducing an agroforestry system on his arable farm. [More...](#)

The potential for companion cropping and intercropping on UK arable farms

This Nuffield Report by Andrew Howard provides an introduction to intercropping and guidance for UK arable farmers to help encourage on-farm experimentation. [More...](#)

Agroforestry for livestock systems

SOLID Farmer Handbook: Technical Note 12 [More...](#)

Upcoming events

15 November 2016: [Looking at soil life](#)

An introductory workshop on microbial life: If you can measure it, you can manage it

21 November 2016: [Holistic Management®](#)

An Introduction to Holistic Management with specific focus on financial and grazing planning

21 November 2016: [Assessing the health of your soil](#)

GREATsoils Trial Demonstration at Tolhurst Organic

2 December 2016: [Assessing the health of your soil](#)

GREATsoils Trial Demo at Valefresco, Warks.

13 December 2016: [Looking at soil life](#)

An introductory workshop on microbial life: If you can measure it, you can manage it

4-5 January 2017: [The Oxford Real Farming Conference 2017](#)

Gathering of the UK's sustainable and organic food and farming movements

10 January 2017: [Looking at soil life](#)

An introductory workshop on microbial life: If you can measure it, you can manage it

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

Rising to the challenge: Practical organic farming solutions for an uncertain future

[Innovative Farmers Field labs and Webinars](#)

Photo albums

Earthworm Assessment at JEPCO for GREAT Soils

Interns Chiara and Dorothee looking for earthworms (using the OPAL soil and earthworm survey method) at JEPCO in Gedney Marsh as part of the GREATsoils project. [See photos](#)

FABS - Goodwood meet

On 12th October ORC's Farmer and Business Supporters Group met up at the Goodwood Estate to discuss research priorities, network, lunch and tour the organic farm. [See photos](#)

Earthworm assessment at Tolhurst Organic

On 6th of October we took some earthworm samples from Tolly's agroforestry field (Tolhurst Organic C.I.C., Whitchurch on Thames) for one of the GREATsoils field trials [.See photos](#)

Farmer Innovation day

On 29th September Innovative Farmers held a Farmer Innovation Day at Sheepdrove Organic Farm & Eco-Conference Centre, near Lambourn in the Berkshire downs. The day ended with a quick farm walk. [See photos](#)

HealthNetworks

On 19 and 20 September, we organised an international workshop in Germany with best practice farmers (from Austria, Germany and the UK), and scientists from a range of different countries and disciplines. [See photos](#)

More about us

Join the Organic Research Centre's Farmer and Business Supporters' Group

As a farmer and/or business operator, we hope you will have benefited, directly or indirectly, from the work we have undertaken, including our work to help ensure fair support payments for organic producers. To help us be more effective we would like to invite you to join our newly established [Farmer and Business Supporters' Group](#). In return for a commitment to a regular donation to support our work, the new Group provides an opportunity for us to say thank you for your support and to give you something back, including an opportunity to have a say in, and get involved with, our future activities [More...](#)

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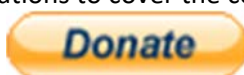
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