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We would like to wish you a Happy Christmas and a great New Year!



Tier One tickets for the Organic Producers' Conference have sold out. Book your tickets soon!

The latest full programme is now online. See our exciting line-up of speakers and workshops [here](#). 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...](#)

We are recruiting!

We are looking to appoint an Agroforestry Research Communicator to work within the Agroforestry Programme. [More...](#)

News

EU agriculture ministers clash over Organic Regulation:

Strong disagreement over Organic Regulation review: new start needed. [More...](#)

Organic Regulation review: we need a new start:

Negotiations reach standstill [More...](#)

ORC Bulletin 121 is at the printers:

Spring/Summer issue available for free download [More...](#)

The organic regulation review has reached a dead end:

Either stop the process or start again says IFOAM EU [More...](#)

Soil Farmer of the Year competition launched for the second year:

Sharing best practice and innovation through championing farmers who are improving their soils [More...](#)

From Agricolgy

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

Farmer profile: John Renner

LEAF beef and sheep farmer, Northumberland National Park [More...](#)

Hennovation

Practice-led innovation in laying hen and other livestock sectors. [More...](#)

Improving bird welfare on free-range systems

This Nuffield Farming Scholarships Trust report by Gordon Whiteford provides insights into ways to improve bird welfare on free-range systems in the UK. [More...](#)

Upcoming events

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

19 January 2017: [Tree to heat: Making use of on-farm woody resources](#)

Wakelyns Agroforestry in Suffolk. See a demonstration of machinery coppicing short rotation coppice agroforestry rows and boundary hedges and pollarding trees in an agroforestry system. There will be a farm tour, and a chance to meet the contractors and researchers to talk to them about practicalities and trial results.

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

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

22 June 2017: [Agroforestry 2017](#)

Improving productivity for farmers and foresters

6 July 2017: [National Organic Combinable Crops \(NOCC\) 2017](#)

OF&G's flagship event will be held in Hampshire.

[Innovative Farmers Field labs and Webinars](#)

Photo albums

See our photos on Flickr [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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2014 Organic Farm Management Handbook

This is a 'must have' publication for everyone interested in the business of organic farming and growing. Now at half price! [More](#)

Other publications available

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