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WE CHAMPION SUSTAINABLE FARMING SYSTEMS AND PRACTICES BASED ON ECOLOGICAL PRINCIPLES, INCLUDING ORGANIC AND INTEGRATED FARMING, AGROFORESTRY AND PERMACULTURE.

The Organic Research Centre is collaborating with the Daylesford Foundation, the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust (GWTC) and other prominent organisations to develop the UK's leading website for reliable, independent, practical information about sustainable agriculture.

What is *Agricology*?

Climate change, soil and biodiversity conservation and food security are complex global challenges that have implications for us all. It is increasingly recognised that more sustainable agricultural practices are required to tackle these challenges, however, sustainable agriculture is often knowledge intensive and can be difficult to implement successfully. Although considerable information has been generated by research and by farmer experience, it is often not easily accessible. As such there is a lack of practical, reliable, up-to-date information that meets producer needs.

Agricology provides a one-stop shop for practical, independent information about sustainable agriculture for UK farmers and growers. *Agricology* picks the best available resources featuring information about a range of ecologically-oriented approaches including organic farming, integrated farming, permaculture, conservation agriculture and biodynamic farming. In addition to providing resources, *Agricology* promotes farmers and growers who are successfully putting sustainable

agricultural and horticultural techniques into practice. By documenting and sharing farmer and grower experiences *Agricology* aims to inspire and stimulate innovation. *Agricology* also supports knowledge exchange through a combination of online and offline engagement including workshops, talks and events.

This is a collaborative venture between leading organisations working to promote sustainable agriculture in the UK. In addition to the Daylesford Foundation, the GWCT and ORC *Agricology* partners include: Centre for Agroecology Water & Resilience (CAWR), Defra, Duchy College, Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG), Garden Organic, Linking Environment & Farming (LEAF), National England, National Institute of Agricultural Botany (NIAB), Organic Farmers & Growers (OF&G), Rothamsted Research Scotland's Rural College (SRUC) and Soil Association. *Agricology* caters for a broad spectrum of farmers and growers interested in sustainable, ecological methods of food production. *Agricology* is inclusive and considers the different factors that motivate producers, as well as variation in knowledge and experience.

What ORC does

As the UK's primary research centre for independent research on organic and agroecological food production and land management, ORC brings a wealth of experience to **Agricology**. Our role is to ensure that **Agricology** features the latest research from the organic sector and uses participatory techniques to ensure that **Agricology** meets the needs of farmers and growers. As such, **Agricology** meets the needs of farmers and growers seeking information about how to make sustainable agriculture work in practice.

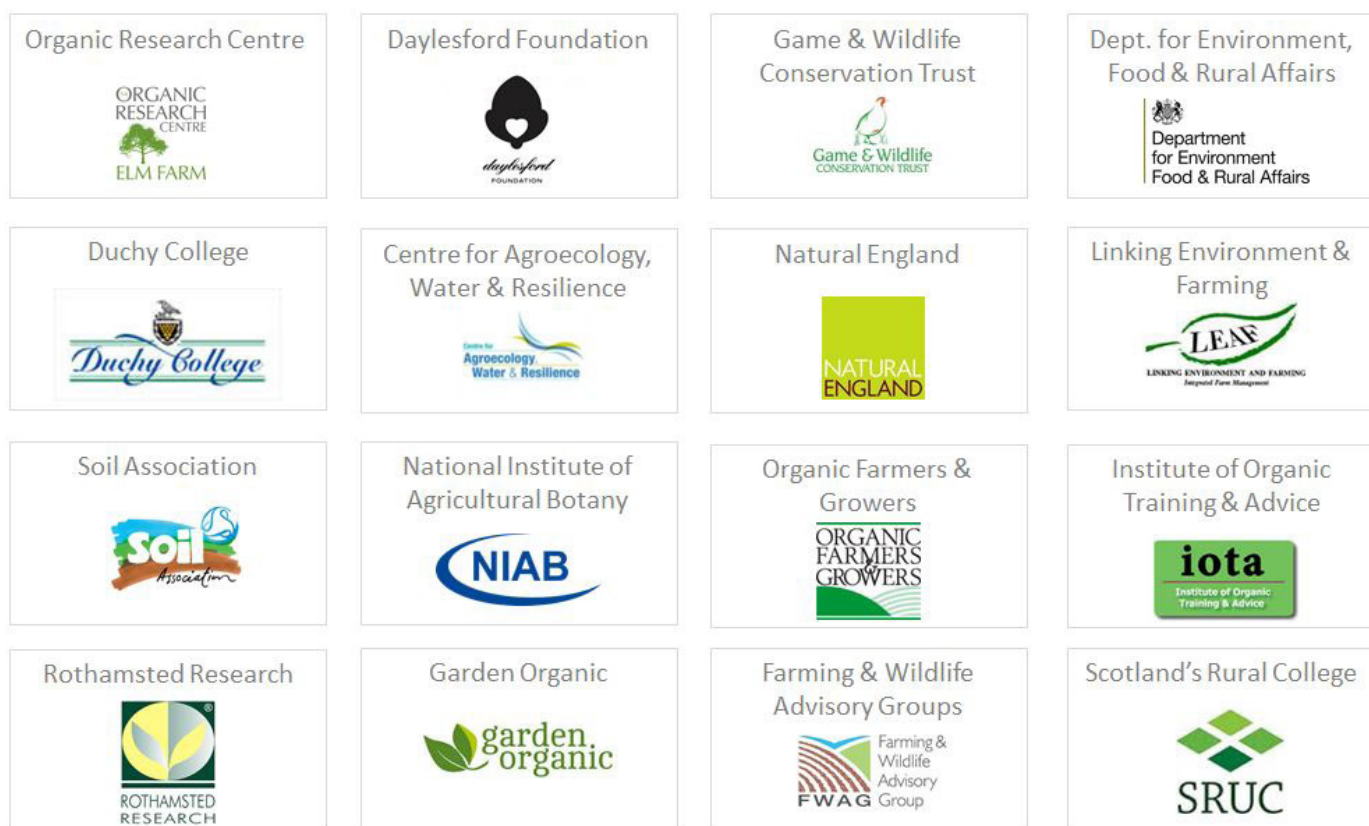


Your input welcome!

We would really welcome your comments, suggestions and questions so we can ensure that **Agricology** meets your needs.

Are there specific sustainable agricultural topics or practices that you need information about? Would you like to feature in our Farmer Profiles section? Do you have suggestions for useful information resources that we could promote through **Agricology**?

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