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We wish all our readers a Happy New Year - usual News and Events follow below!

There are still places available at the Organic Producers' Conference but you must book by Friday at latest!



With the recent launches of Defra's CAP consultation and Sustainable Intensification Research Platform, as well as the government's Agri-Tech Strategy, is there any place left for organic farming and similar agro-ecological approaches to sustainable food production?

Are the concept of sustainable intensification and the new strategies broad enough to not only focus on techno-fixes or can we find better ecological and knowledge-based solutions to meeting sustainability challenges? [Full programme, booking form and online booking now available](#)

20% discount on booking form prices for English producers

Available to English producers and others engaged in agriculture or agricultural products (including horticulture). This funding has only just been agreed. For further details, see the [special announcement](#).

English organic producer survey

The Organic Research Centre would like to thank all of the farmers who took part in the English organic producer survey in November and December. We know how busy you all are so really appreciate you taking the time to participate in the survey. We're now analysing the data (from 210 farms) and will produce a report based on the results in spring/summer 2014. Keep an eye on the bulletin and we'll let you know when the report has been released on our webpage so you can have a look at the full output.

Organic Farm Management Handbook

The new 2014 edition is due out at the end of January and is available for pre-order at a special price [More](#)

News

Organic regulation review:

IFOAM EU position statement [More...](#)

Black medic and lucerne:

Article on manifold green manures arising from the Legume LINK project [More...](#)

Research and innovation for commercial smallholders:

Report from ORC-run workshop at the Oxford Real Farming Conference [More...](#)

Tom Archer feeds silage to pigs:

The Archers promotes the benefits of silage [More...](#)

Evidence for the biodiversity benefits of organic farming:

New meta-analysis published [More...](#)

Farmers guide to biogas:

How to implement a biogas project [More...](#)

Congratulations to Henry!:

ORC researcher passes PhD [More...](#)

Upcoming events

22-23 January 2014: [ORC 2014 Organic Producers' Conference](#)

Intensive Sustainability or Sustainable Intensification - which way forward for organic farming?

19 February 2014: [ORC Nutrient Budgeting Workshop](#)

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW!

7 July 2014: [SOLIBAM final congress](#)

Diversity strategies for organic and low input agricultures and their food systems

13 October 2014: [IFOAM World Congress 2014](#)

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