



*With Best Wishes and Merry Christmas
from all at the Organic Research Centre*

ORC's still appealing this Christmas!

John Pawsey explains why the work of the Organic Research Centre is so important and needs your support. See John's video message [here](#)

Click [here](#) for further details of our appeal or  now!

ORC one-day introductory seminars on organic food production and supply chains. January and February 2015 [More](#)

News

Organic Producer's Conference proceedings live!

The Organic Producer Conference was a great success with some very positive feedback from delegates. See videos, photos, presentations and reports from the conference [here](#)

ORC welcomes Defra's proposed organic payment rates

New Countryside Stewardship Scheme support rates for organic farming in England have been announced. [More](#)

Hedgerow harvesting machinery trials

Different techniques for harvesting hedgerows compared at Elm Farm [More...](#)

Levy boards seek views on spending

ADHB running a consultation on its corporate plan [More](#)

Coordinating organic plant breeding activities for diversity

2nd COBRA newsletter published [More](#)

Organic crop yields can be closer to conventional than thought

New study found multi-cropping and crop rotation can substantially reduce yield gap [More](#)

Agroforestry in Scotland: Farmers' questionnaire

Researching the barriers to Agroforestry in Scotland [More](#)

Name our wheat population!

YOUR chance to name the first marketable wheat population in Europe! [More](#)

Impacts of prenatal stress on dairy cows

Dry cow management survey [More](#)

Upcoming events

6-7 January 2015: [2015 Oxford Real Farming Conference](#)

Tickets now on sale

14 January 2015: [Agroecology and sustainable intensification](#)

Can agroecological approaches contribute to sustainable intensification?

28 January 2015: [Introduction to organic farming](#)

One day seminar on organic farming and food supply chains - principles and practice

29 January 2015: [The business of organic food production](#)

An introductory seminar at Elm Farm

3 February 2015: [Farming profitably in a changing climate](#)

Improve your farm business and reduce your carbon emissions

4 February 2015: [Organic arable and horticultural systems](#)

Introduction to Organic Arable and Horticultural Production Systems and Markets

12 February 2015: [Organic livestock husbandry and markets](#)

Introductory seminar at Abbey Home Farm

25 February 2015: [Organic food supply chains and the environment](#)

One-day seminar at Elm Farm

26 February 2015: [Farm sustainability assessment](#)

One-day seminar at Duchy Home Farm

For more Field Lab events and Soil Association farm walks click [here](#)

Photo sets

Hedgerow harvesting machinery trials [Photos](#)

9th Organic Producers' Conference [Photos](#)

More about us

Farmers' Organic Research Club – join in!

The Participatory Research Network is now the Farmers' Organic Research Club (FORC). FORC provides producers and others with the opportunity to undertake their own farm trials, collaborate with fellow farmers and growers and to engage directly in the organic research programme of ORC.. [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. Available now. [More](#)

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