

## **New Organic Farming grants now available**

The Countryside Stewardship scheme is open for applications until 30th September 2015, with 16 options available for organic farming. However, a wide range of organic organisations meeting as part of the English Organic Forum at ORC on July 10<sup>th</sup> have raised some serious concerns with Defra about the administrative implementation of the CS organic options, and are seeking a meeting to resolve these as soon as possible. For further information on these issues, please contact Nic Lampkin at ORC. [More...](#)

## **First meeting of ORC's Farmer and Business Supporters' Group**

The first meeting of ORC's [Farmer and Business Supporters' Group](#) meeting will take place at Elm Farm on Tuesday 22nd September 2015, which will primarily provide a forum to identify and discuss topics of interest to members and to meet and network with other members of the group. Why not join up and join us? [More](#)

## **ORC at National Organic Combinable Crops 2015**

See reports, videos, photos and presentations from ORC at NOCC15, the largest on-farm gathering for the UK organic sector, held at John Pawsey's Shimpling Park Farms in Suffolk on 7 July. Launch of *ORC Wakelyns Population* wheat, cover crop trials and more! [More..](#)

## **News**

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**Best practice for reducing GHG from livestock:** Global best practice guidelines for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from livestock [More...](#)

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**Organic Knowledge Network Arable:** First UK farmer innovation group meeting [More...](#)

**Organic Innovation Days:** Call for innovations in the organic sector [More...](#)

**Launch of ORC Wakelyns Population:** Pioneering wheat population launched at NOCC15 [More...](#)

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**GM wheat trial fails:** Wheat trial failure confirms folly of GM's sticking plaster approach [More...](#)

## Upcoming events

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**8 September 2015:** [Designing the World We Want](#)

12th International Permaculture Conference in London

**16-17 September 2015:** [Biomass from landscape elements for local energy](#)

TWECOM International Symposium – Belgium

**22 September 2015:** [ORC's Farmer and Business Supporters Group](#)

First meeting at Elm Farm

**23-25 November 2015:** [Oats2020](#)

Oats conference in Solihull

**26 January 2016:** [Sustainability of organic/low-input dairy](#)

Challenges and solutions

**27-28 January 2016:** [10th Organic Producers' Conference](#)

Bristol. Save the dates!

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

## Photo albums

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ORC @ NOCC15 [Photos](#)

OK-Net Arable: UK farmer innovation group meeting [Photos](#)

Quinoa field lab at Wakelyns [Photos](#)

## More about us

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### 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...](#)

### 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](#)

### Other publications available

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